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B. S. Kirkham

Brently,

You are a very crazy guy and I
really enjoy being around you. You're
one of a kind and a great friend. We've
been through a lot, for instance water balloons
and the police, and pumpkin hunting.
Take care during the summer ~~the~~ ops
and come to see me;

Your friend,
Gene Bastian

(Best basketball
player in the world)

Mr. Brently S. Kirkham,

Bro, it has a boy for but we have made it
through. Just wait until next year we will SENIORS!!
I have really enjoyed your presents in my 6th period.
So remember me Clint Costwood. Good luck in your
future and also have a great summer.
your good "amigo"

Clint Costwood (RW)
Class of 85

Brent,

What can I say. You are the
Sweetest guy I have ever met. <sup>I don't say
that to everyone</sup>
I am so glad we got the chance
to see each other in 3rd period,
parties and the beach. Even
though we saw each other for
short times you brightened my
spirits every time. I want you
to know that I am not always
dizzy + I can be intellectual
at times. I hope you didn't
characterize me the wrong way.
I will be gone next year but
please don't forget me!! Remember
that I love ya!

Love,
Valerie
Mantas

P.S. you
-throw a great
party!
P.S.S. Party like hell
this summer + I
will see you!!

Brently.

It's been funny listening to you talk
about my girl! When did you get
sophisticated (Brently) You a great inspiration
to the world of bodybuilding, you have a
tremendous dedication to the sport. Good luck
with it, I hope you will be satisfied. Hope to see
you over the summer, call me up sometime so we can
work out together. Practice you soccer.
Keep on "pumpin that iron" Buddz. Y.M. Mantas

Brent,
Well, we made it through another year of school! I'm so glad I got to know you this year. You are a super friend! We've had a lot of laughs together - and we'll have some more next year. You'll be a big senior! What fun! Have a great summer, & keep in touch.
Love always,
Ashley

Brently, (what a friend!)

It seems that the most popular word to use in the H-Noc-Ar is "special". I know that everyone who uses it means it but there are different degrees of specialness. I decided to look up the word "special" just to see what it means. Webster says, "out of the ordinary, unusual, exceptional; marked off from others by some distinguishing quality or characteristics." I think this definition fits you perfectly. I don't mean in the odd way - like unusual - sometimes that can be taken wrong. You are unusual in that you have this exceptional way of lifting friends' spirits and letting them know you care. I don't think you know how much people admire you for doing nothing but "being yourself." I think lots of people in R.M. have a hard time with that one thing. If you don't know and believe in yourself then how can you believe and know others. I want to thank you for your phone calls. I love to talk to you about life. The soccer team as a whole did and meant a lot to me this year. I just wish I had kept stats the year before. I am "I promise" coming to some of the games next year. I really am going to miss the team - you being one of the main ones. Thanks a lot for all of the talks. I know we'll keep in touch. You better come see me at the Hill next year. I'll write too! You are the best kind of "special" to me.

You really are a. assed to the team. I want to see you in the lead line.

Take care,
I love you,
Empty life,
Take care of Ricky,
Call,
Melanie
(Raper)

1984

HI-NOC-AR

SEARCHING FOR GRYPHON GOLD...



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The spirit lives

Gold has been the object of man's eternal quest, the margin by which he has measured his worth. In the Olympics, gold was the supreme standard of excellence that made "Go for the gold" a frequently coined phrase. The quest was a renewal of the winning tradition.

At Senior High, gold embodied all the moments that touched and were touched by its people. It was the spirit that triumphed over defeat and the victories that made the losses seem less significant. To seek gold was our purpose; to capture it, our dream; to possess it, a reality. **Dorothy A. Batts**



R. Sowers

Following the Rocky Mount-Northern Nash confrontation, junior Keith Evans and alumnus Mr. Joel Moore celebrate a 21-17 win over the Knights. The Gryphs gather in a victory chant.

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J. Moore

Showing support for the football team, many students enjoy the excitement of the first home game against Goldsboro.

Spending a night at the fair, senior Calvenia Jenkins looks at the many delightful treats to be found.

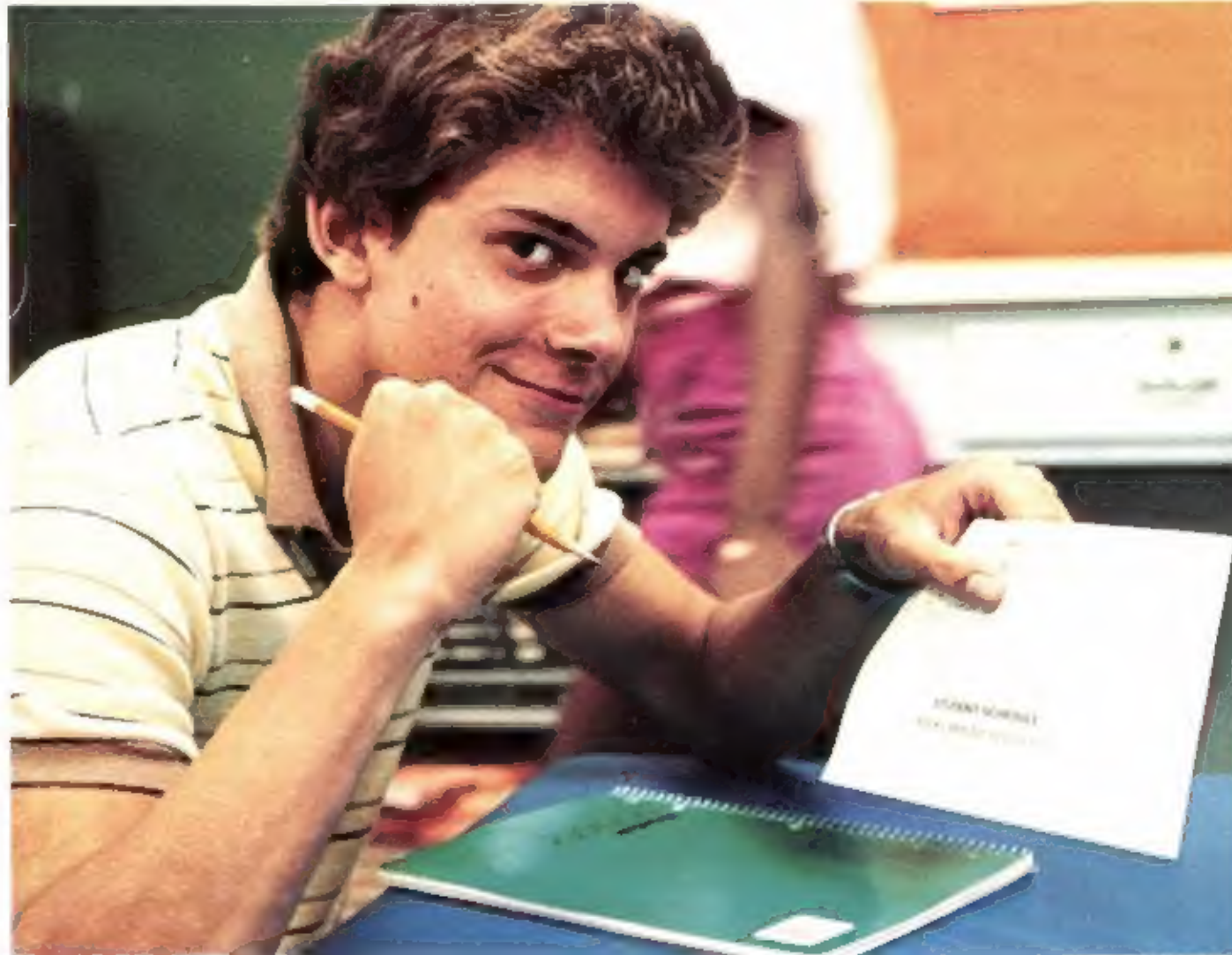


J. Moore



J. Moore

Goofing around at the fair, sophomore Kenney Bullard lets himself go while riding the carousel.



C. Bradshaw

After receiving his schedule, senior John Morehart discovers the real meaning of "senior" high.

Shine Brightly



S. Kinchloe

Making waves in the Albemarle Sound, senior Jeff Hardee spends a perfect summer day on a Kawasaki jet ski.



C. Brasshaw

Supporting Senior High's nationally ranked band, junior Ken Hicks buys balloons for alumnus Amy Wilcox at the band fair at City Lake.



C. Brasshaw

"Gryphons are #1," exclaims senior Beth Mauldin as she teaches foreign exchange student Selina Luchsinger Gryphon tradition.

STUDENT LIFE

Her job after school allows
Stephanie Mitchell to cover
some of the expenses of being a
high school junior.

Remember the time you studied into the wee hours of the morning to prepare for that big English test only to discover the next day that the test had been postponed? What about that evening gown in your closet that reminds you of the formal banquet that wasn't? Frustration, embarrassment, fear of not fitting in — they were all part of student life.

Though we tend to look back on those moments with fond memories, we remember the tears and the pain. We know they will never come again.

Of course the good times were special. Sharing laughs with friends over pizza; slow dancing with the one person you most enjoyed being with; or just being yourself no matter how uncool . . . **Dorothy A. Batts**



J. Baker

Among those making the
music that Gryphons love
include sophomore Keven Smith,
senior Michael Wax and junior
Ernest Batts.



E.T. encourages a youngster to "love a Gryphon." His assistants senior Mollie Rosenbloom and sophomore Mary Cerjan, stand ready with extraterrestrial favors



Moore

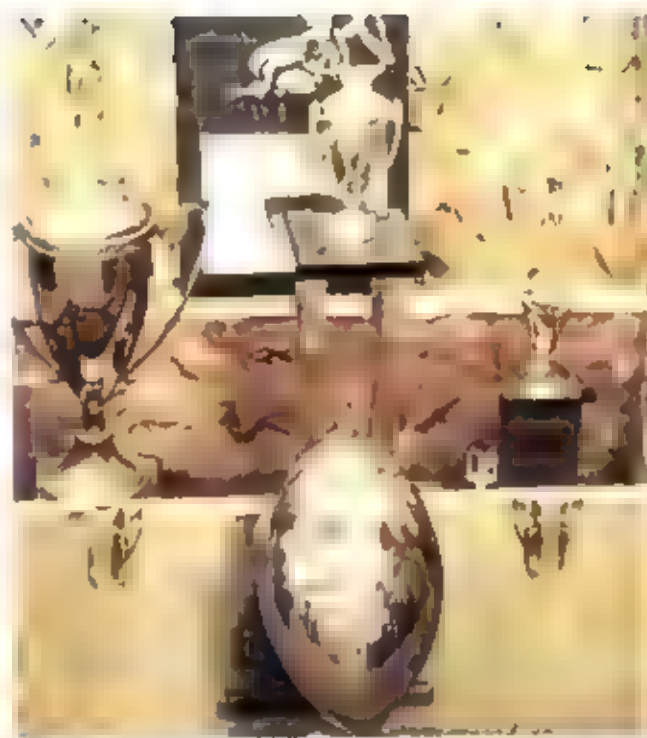
Gryphons begin the search

Ring! . . . The 8:30 bell sounded and the reality that school had actually started again finally hit us. Summertime fun was stored in our memories. Early morning hours and late night studying were once again to be commonplace all over town.

Day one of the new year brought mixed feelings for some. The sophomores nervously awaited the day ahead with dread of what might happen while the juniors looked forward to a year of no longer being the youngest. Mixed feelings, however, did not apply to the seniors. A familiar expression was, "Seniors are #1," as they followed tradition in hanging banners to "welcome" the new sophomores and to "greet" the returning juniors. This excitement added to the first day back at school and all three classes were ready for the new year and what it held in store.

The search for Gryphon Gold had begun

with the new year. The search was executed in various ways by members of the student body and the faculty. Members of the band, the football and soccer teams, and the cheerleaders began their quest for gold in the hot days of August with many hours of rigorous practice. The student council began their search by devoting time to planning activities for the upcoming year. Some teachers left, others were new to the school, coaches assumed new positions, and there was a new study hall procedure. These changes did not hinder the search for gold, however. Time that was once spent at the pool was now used for practicing. Rather than cruising around at night, students used time for studying. Although the freedom and fun of summer was missed, the search for Gryphon Gold was under way. **Jennifer A. Yelverton & Jeff A. Bullock**



C. Szrama

Brilliant Gryphon gold portrays a symbol of excellence earned throughout the years



C. Szrama

Moving with Jane Fonda, juniors Elizabeth Cooper and Rainey Astin do warm-ups for another summer afternoon of cheerleading practice



Taking in the view, seniors Garen Jones, Melanie Raper, Kimberley Peebles and junior Daryll Gnzer enjoy lunch at City Lake



"Hot" does not mean stolen in this case. Mrs. Becky Pritchard and Mr. Joel Moore present the Mama Jean's trophy to Principal Douglas Watts and Coach George Kelley as senior Bari Williams applauds the Rocky Mount varsity football team in its triumph over Northern Nash.

Breathing a sigh of relief, senior Sibah Hamad is happy to find the barrel did no damage to her automobile this time.



J. Baker

E. Szama



C. O'Neil



D. Szama

Eager to hear the hottest new tunes, junior Deatrice Tillman selects her latest Prince Album.

As if a dozen broken bones are not enough for this year's soccer team, the activity bus goes on the blink as they challenge Beddingfield.



C. Bradshaw

Dedication means perseverance

Along with the beginning of the school year came an increase in dedication and an extreme boost in school spirit.

Although the temperature during the first weeks of school soared into the high 90's and above 100 degrees, students revved up for what proved to be an eventful year.

On August 29 seniors arrived at school during the wee hours of the morning. Their spirit and energy produced dozens of multi-colored banners, which were hung from the building, the roof, and the parking lot fence.

Magazine sales were a close race for all three classes, but seniors managed to come out on top.

The first pep rally, presented by the School Spirit Committee and the Varsity cheerleaders, involved another competition between the classes. The winner of the Mr. Cool of the School contest was Nolan Corpening, class of '84.

Although the sophomore, junior, and senior classes sometime competed, many orga-

nizations, clubs, and athletic teams formed a bond to raise their standards and to reach even higher goals for Rocky Mount Senior High. Dedicated band members were seen during the peak tanning hours practicing formations in the student parking lot. On the other side of campus, the football team practiced, beginning in early August, for what would be a tough but victorious season.

Helping to beautify the school was another sign of student dedication at Rocky Mount Senior High. Long before school started, the National Honor Society busied themselves with gardening on campus. Senior John Sykes turned more than one shovel of earth outside the main office.

Throughout the year Rocky Mount Senior High students persevered in making RMSH synonymous with excellence. Sometimes they faltered, but they always picked themselves up, dusted themselves off, and continued on their quest. **Connie T. Bradshaw**



Courtesy

Sweating in the 102-degree August heat, band members take a break from hours of practice.

On the rocks, sophomore Cedric Mercer gets a taste of arctic weather in the first pep rally of the football season. He quickly discovers, as sophomores urge him to stay put for "one more minute" that where one stands on an issue definitely depends on where he sits.



Rising up out of their seats, students urge the soccer team on to a 5-1 victory against Beddingfield for the Gryphons. North Carolina Wesleyan College was the scene of this action.



Gleaming in red and white, buttons were sold to individual classes by the Good Sports Club.

Exhibiting his unique way of showing school spirit, senior Joe Fish cruises sporting an RMSH license plate.

"We're number one!" exclaim seniors William Norfleet, Arthur Barnes, Michan Bell, Rod Batts, Mearie Raper, and Sabih Hamad.



Restocking shelves in Kerr Drugs, senior Gina Hunt assists a fellow employee in completing the task. Gina's bright smile lights up as customers enter the store from Tarrytown Mall

R. Parks



R. Parks

Pushing carts with admirable ease, senior Frank Whitehead helps customers with their groceries at Big Star

Eager to serve you, senior Reid Price will help you to find that perfect outfit at Dockside



R. Parks

They work hard for their money



R. Parks

While strolling by a local store or shopping center in Rocky Mount, one is sure to see a Rocky Mount Senior High School student hard at work. Fast food restaurants, movie theaters, grocery stores, and department stores are known for hiring high school students. White's Supermarket, Englewood Supermarket, and Bob Howard's Shoes are prime examples of businesses that have hired more than four students at one time.

Students work for many reasons. Some toil to pay off debts, such as cars, band instruments, and other "necessities." Some work to save money for their college expenses. Still others work primarily for weekend spending money. Cash is almost a necessity for a date. A simple date may run up to twenty dollars which includes dinner and a movie. The cost can increase, depending on how much one is willing to spend.

Senior Rohena Robbins said, "I enjoy working because it is a terrific experience leading into the work world. It helps you to under-

stand working with other people and it also gives me a few extra bucks in my pocket."

I work at a cash register punching keys. I enjoy it because I'm getting paid, I like checking prices so I can just walk around and get some exercise," senior Marcia Kilpatrick said.

I really have two jobs at Shoney's. One job is keeping the salad bar stocked; the other is waitressing, which I like a lot," senior Lenora Wooten said.

Senior Tony Doles said, "I work at the Nautilus and at Northgreen. I enjoy working at Nautilus especially because I feel I've gained a lot of knowledge. Same for Northgreen ... except I've been there too long." Ken Hicks and Connie Bradshaw.

With the popcorn and candy counter at the Peanut Shack, senior Lynne Freeman finds it hard to resist the temptation of a sneaked tidbit.

"May I take your order?" inquires senior Sabih Hamad of junior Ken Hicks, who is anxious to receive his Camp Snoopy glass, one of the many premiums offered by a local fast-food restaurant.

R. Parks



Gryphons let their spirit be known at the outside pep rally for our game against Northern Nash





Joining in the cheer, senior Kenney Wilkins shows the Gryphon cheerleaders some fancy footwork of his own

All smiles, senior Nolan Corpening is led by seniors Jasma Evans and Jennifer Yelverton to his icy throne



GO FOR IT!

Spirits warm and rise as Gryphons push their teams onward.

Gryphons have always been notorious for their pep rallies. They've cheered, sizzled and grunted; torn it up, thrown it down, and gone fishing down by the hole. They've oooss-ba-doossed and oom-aahhed. In short, Gryphons have gone for the gold in their quest for victory.

Gryphon genius was especially evident at this year's pep rallies. Banners were raised high at the first pep rally of the season. "We're Gonna Strike Gold," proclaimed one sign as students and faculty cheered their team in the fight against Goldsboro. Mary Futrell, chairman, and Bari Williams, co-chairman of the School Spirit Committee opened new doors in promoting school spirit while the cheerleaders led the student body in ear-splitting Gryphon yells.

Although the year's second pep rally was held outside under less than ideal conditions, the chemistry must have been working because the Gryphs were triumphant against

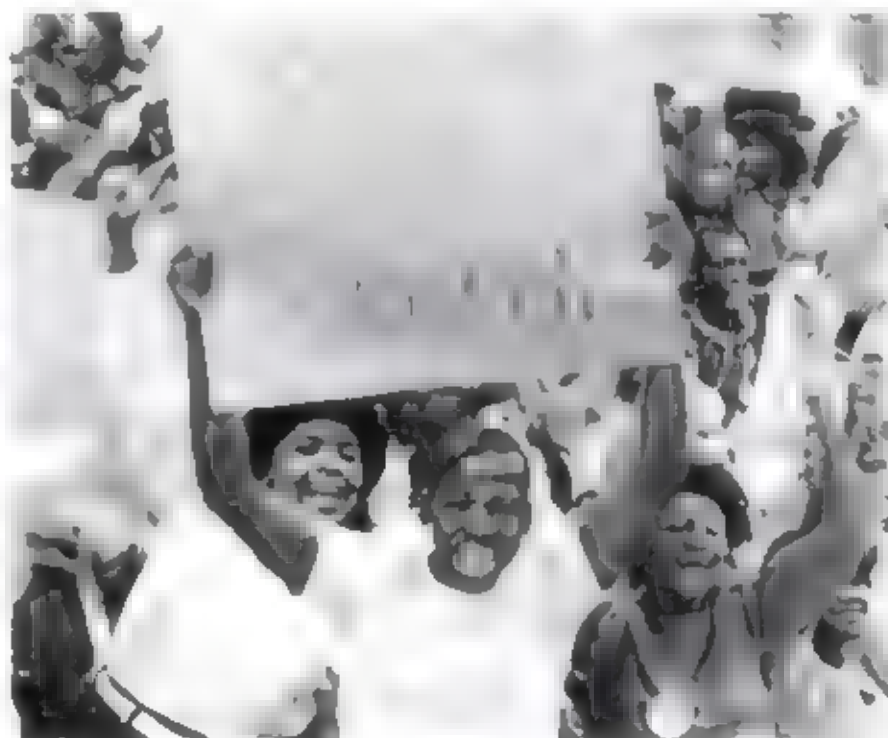
that rival-of-rivals Northern Nash Senior High.

Pep rallies are kind of boring for the football players. "Coach Kelley won't let us move around too much. We have to act like gentlemen," said senior Reginald Harper.

"Pep rallies leave me tired. I yell and do routines, and it's all so exhausting," said senior Melody Dickens.

One sophomore, who shall remain nameless, was heard to remark, "I can't wait for tomorrow's pep rally. It will be my first." Her friend, correcting her, said, "It's not a pep rally, dear. It's a pet rally. Don't you know anything?"

Well . . . whatever. A school is many times measured by its spirit. When people have looked at Rocky Mount Senior High, they have indeed seen spirit. They have also seen love, loyalty, and roaring Gryphon pride. Heather Buchanan



Go for it, Grypha! A familiar chant demonstrates the spirit of the seniors as senior Michael Coleman proudly waves his banner

Hey, there is gold in ghost town!

"Looking for entertainment in Rocky Mount is like looking for a needle in a hay stack," junior West Riddick said. The average student found himself with nothing to do in Rocky Mount on weekends.

"I either go to the movies or out to eat," junior Lynn Butler said. "That's all there is to do in Rocky Mount."

Some students discovered ways of curing this problem: they went out of town. Whipples in Wilson provided entertainment for some Gryphons. Concerts provided a chance for students to get away from Rocky Mount. Others decided, however, to solve the boredom in their city by creating their own entertainment, by throwing parties. Other students skated at Sportsworld or exercised at the Nautilus. Some decided to just stay at home and relax.

The Down East Arts Festival gave some 25,000 people a bit of entertainment during October. Quieter spots such as City Lake and Battle Park also proved to be favorite recreational spots.

"I enjoy playing soccer and video games," sophomore Michael Walker said.

Gryphons searched for entertainment in Rocky Mount. Some found it or created their own. Others abandoned the search and started looking in other places.

Another group of students, however, took a different approach. "I'm in the band," senior Janet Banning said. "I haven't had any entertainment since August," Jill C. Baker.

"Beam us up, Scotty, quickly," says junior Neil Avent as he and junior Scott Tulloss are headlocked by junior James Tharin.

Having zapped an alien from his galactic aircraft, sophomore David Thorp grins, knowing he has saved the world from destruction. Sophomore Sam Ethendge is not so sure.



Trotting along, sophomore Dana Fortenbery enjoys an afternoon ride on her horse.





Baker



Courtesy



K. Hicks

Juniors Gilbert Afford and Randy McAlister play checkers to start the day. Junior Tommy Braswell sits, wondering who's winning.

Up and down mountains, sophomore Bo Iler, juniors Kevin Hicks, Tom Shannon and Brad Batchelor with 'big brother' Steve Hicks go hiking on weekends.



"Let's hear it for Homecoming!" As the football team enters the gym, the crowd gets fired up about the game.

Keeping home fires burning

Miss Freak-A-Zoid waltzed down the hall talking to every male in sight in order to gain the most Hush Buttons. Mr. Freak-A-Zoid however, would not talk to any female.

Homecoming Week started on Thursday with a combination Freak-A-Zoid and Hush Button Day. Homecoming week was shortened this year because of nine-weeks testing.

With nine-weeks' tests over, the fire burned brightly as students showed support and spirit for their team at the Homecoming bonfire. The bonfire was the first held in almost a decade. As the flame burned, students became fired-up about the game.

Friday morning Baby Sophs donned the halls in various attire, ranging from diapers to P.J.s, carrying blankets and Teddies. The Good Sports Club delivered courages to that special person.

The Homecoming pep rally ended the day with high Gryphon spirit. Clubs became involved with cheering the team on by parading floats with spirited themes around the gym.

The moment of anticipation arrived and the names of the Homecoming Court were announced. "I was elated and surprised," said junior Tanya Weaver.

The Marching Band played a pre-game show that re-kindled RMHS spirit. Half time, another magical moment of Homecoming, arrived, and the court was driven to the center of the field in Mercedes and Jaguar convertibles. Escorts bearing roses led the court to their special place of honor.

Students remained spirited throughout the defeat. "We played an uninspired game and we kind of overlooked Kinston," defensive back Neil Avent said. **Jill C. Baker.**



Eager to be named Best-dressed Baby sophomores line up in their most juvenile attire.

Sharing the limelight, juniors Amy Daniel and Tanya Weaver arrive at their places of honor.



Baker

Jamming around the gym, sophomore committee members exhibit their school spirit.



Baker

Burning brightly, the Homecoming bonfire arouses school spirit for the Kinston game.

Waiting for their escorts, seniors Zena Howard and Caren Jones enjoy the drive with senior Matthew Westcott and sophomore Scott Woodcock. Trailing in the Mercedes, seniors Robin Dunbar and Terri Overby smile to the crowd, while junior Mac McAuley concentrates on the driving.



Baker



J. Baker



Baker



Baker

Trying to capture every moment, sophomores Kim Bunn and Kim Hines wait for their escorts.

WARNING!

Infatuous Hold-on-titis

Causes: This is a common and sometimes fatal condition known to afflict members of the opposite sex. The cause is unknown, but several known factors play a part: It is frequently the product of match-making; it is thought to involve hormone action; it is highly contagious and it is commonly known as the Betty Hardy Syndrome, or simply, love.

Symptoms: There is a widespread eruption of emotions involving much of the student body accompanied by uncontrollable silliness. The eruption spreads slowly and often causes writer's cramp, a direct result of writ-

ing 20-page love notes. Patient often wears an extremely dumb grin and frequently makes a fool of himself in the presence of those he has infected or has been infected by; the skin often reddens as a result. Patient is seldom aware of the initial effects of this condition.

Complications: Sporadic eruptions of jealousy and malignant differences of opinion tend to aggravate this condition. Meddling third parties have been known to cause serious complications, also.

Prevention: Love tends to resist treatment and to be chronic. There are no easy answers or known cures. The only certain preventions are: (1) to lock oneself away in a very dark closet and (2) to move to an uninhabited land in the Arctic.

NOTE: Though many cases are mild and pass quickly, other cases are very serious and may last for years on end. **Dorothy A. Batts**

Well, Tim? Senior Tim Hicks seems at a loss for words as he plans his approach on sophomore Keesha Kelly.



D. Batts



D. Batts

Sharing a special moment together, junior Stephanie Overton and senior David Mullinix talk over their plans for the evening.

The look says it all. Senior Kelvin Brinkley needs no words to express his feelings as he makes a move on junior Kim Sturdivant.





Smile! You're on candid camera. Seniors Jeff Hardee and Susan Kincheloe share laughs as they wait for the 8:25 bell.

As they chat before class, senior Blake Warren and junior Gina Langley take time out to talk to junior Teresa Abrams.



D. Batts



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In their usual spot, seniors Michelle Hunter and William Dancy spend time together before homeroom.



D. Batts

'The Day After' in Retrospect

The reverberations of a nuclear holocaust were heard throughout the households across the nation with airing of Edward Hume's *The Day After* on public television. It was an all too realistic view of nuclear war and its devastating aftermath. The film showed a throbbing metropolis reduced to bent steel and crumbled concrete, its people — helpless pawns of nuclear cataclysm without hope of survival. The movie greatly affected the overall climate throughout the nation in relation to nuclear armament. At a time when tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union soared, questions of "What if" were foremost in the minds of many Americans.

In the event of nuclear war, Rocky Mount would be directly affected because of its geographic proximity to strategic military installations. Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, and Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville are potential targets, all within a 150-mile radius. Dorothy A. Batts

I think the movie *The Day After* was disturbing, but realistic. I'm glad ABC television took the chance to air it. Maybe it will motivate people to take a stand on the issue and solve some problems we face.

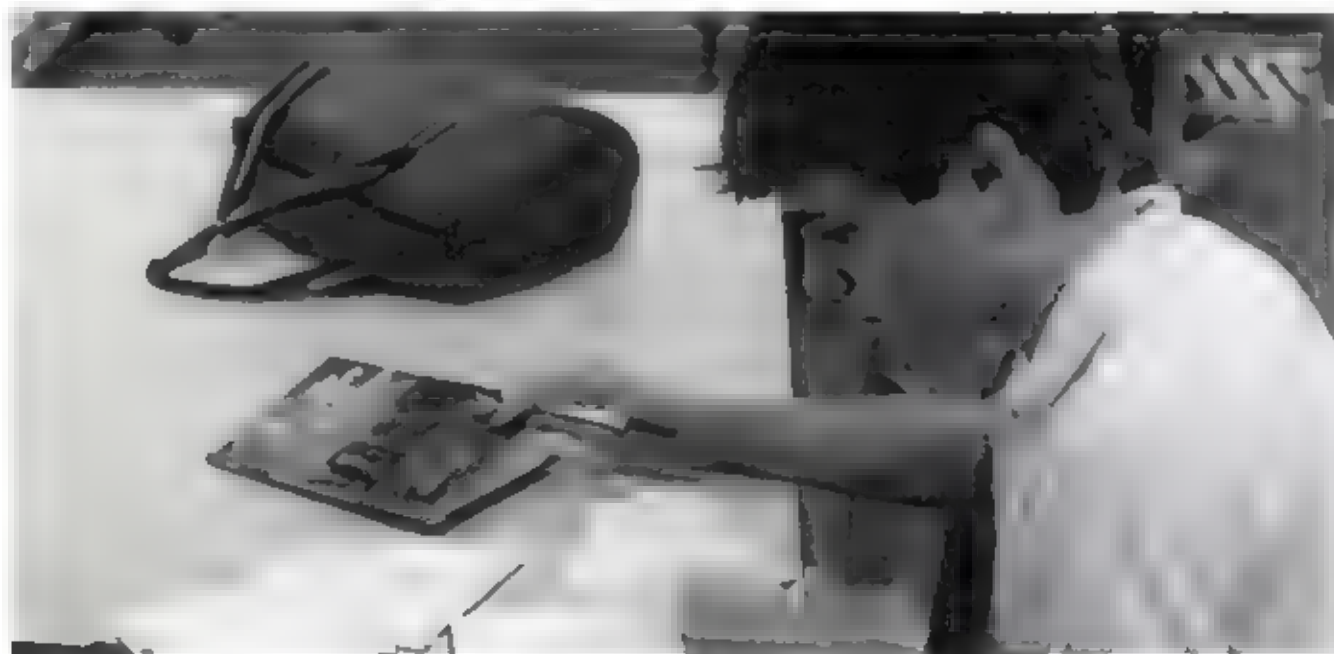
— junior John Day

The Day After made me realize what a nuclear war could do to our country and our world. It made a strong point for the nuclear freeze movement.

— senior Reggie Alston

There was a lot of controversy over showing the movie, but I think that was because it scared people. It made people see that the threat of nuclear war is real and that the consequences are pretty devastating. I hope that people will now be more concerned with arms control and promoting good relations with other countries.

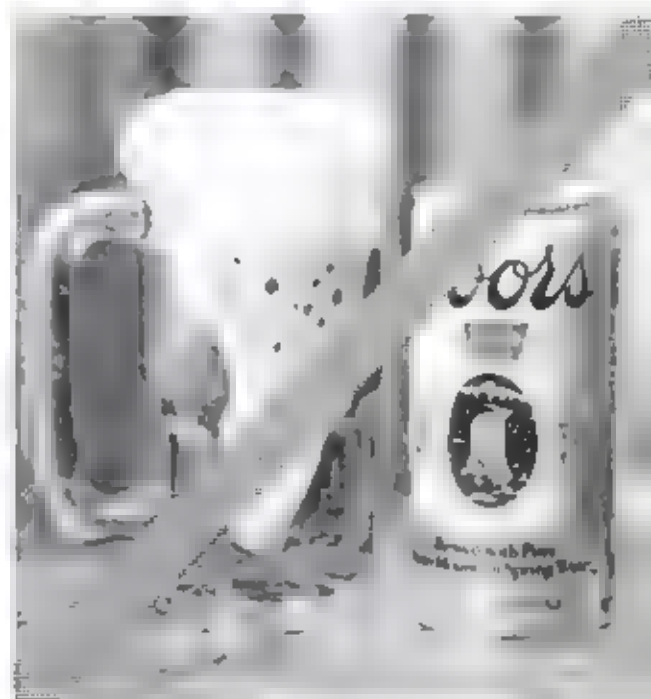
— senior Martha Shannon



Working on a research paper is no picnic for senior Andy Brown.

Decorating for the prom are juniors Janice Thorne, Tiffany Inman, Bridget Harrell, and George King.

Lifting the legal drinking age to 19 brought varied responses among students.



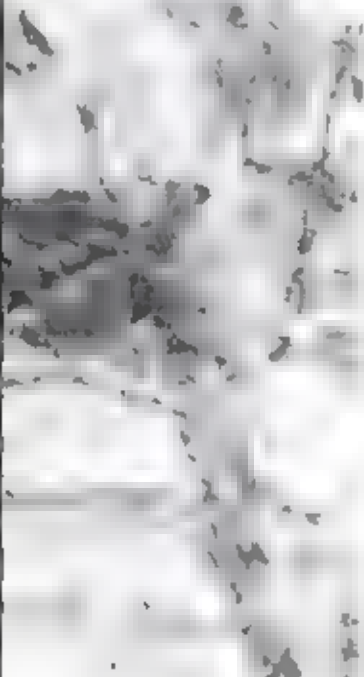


Everybody needs a little time away. Seniors Zena Howard and Sherry Williams enjoy the serenity of Battle Park away from the rat race

Sharing laughs are seniors Kimberley Peebles and Nancy Nicholson



C. Brashear



D. Batts



The new Station Square mall is a definite plus for downtown

Senior Lori Gupton waves to the crowd at the Christmas parade, a community tradition

K. Davis

Nations Mourn

As the gray mist of dawn began to disperse over the Beirut International Airport that fateful Sunday morning in October, Marines lay sleeping in their barracks. At exactly 6:20 a.m. a red pickup loaded with dynamite to completely demolish the building in seconds, burst into the lobby on a suicide mission. That mission was to leave some 200 Marines dead.

The Marines were part of the Eighth Marine Battalion of the United States, a peace-keeping force based in Beirut, Lebanon. The disaster was the worst experienced by the U.S. Armed Forces since the end of the Viet Nam War a decade ago. The scars of the war fought in Viet Nam remained, and those who remembered it well feared the same outcome in Beirut.

At home, the families and friends of the Marines awaited news of their loved ones as the death toll steadily rose. Many Americans were angry and afraid, their relatives on the list headed "Missing."

Sophomore Angel Primiani captured much of the emotion experienced by the families of the missing in her poem, "Beirut." It depicts a little boy who overhears his mother crying on a cold, dark October night. Her only consolation is, "Missing doesn't mean dead."

The recent world events and Middle East situation should increase awareness of the fact, as did the picture, *The Day After*, that our world's survival depends upon improving international relations which come about only through better communications and negotiations," Mrs. Ann Williamson said.

Even as the dead and wounded were being pulled from the rubble, Marines at Camp Lejeune were receiving their orders to replace the men who were killed that morning.

It was no coincidence that within minutes of the attack on the American base, a building that housed French paratroopers only two miles away, was blown up in a similar suicide mission. The death toll was expected to reach 100 . . . A second nation mourned.

Unfortunately, these were not isolated incidents of low regard for human life. One month previous to the "carnage in Beirut," as it has been dubbed by *Time* magazine, the Soviet Union downed Korean Air Lines Flight 007, a commercial airliner. Somehow the plane, en route to Seoul from New York, strayed off course and into Soviet airspace.

61 of the 269 innocent people who died in the brutal attack were Americans. Georgia congressman Lawrence McDonald was among the dead. His wife Kathryn described his death as "an act of deliberate assassination." Nevertheless, McDonald's death made a lifelong point: "Their priorities are different from ours. They place highest priority not on human lives, but on preventing penetration of their airspace," as retired Admiral Bobby Inman stated in *Time* magazine.

"Although I don't know all of the extenuating circumstances, surrounding (the incident), I do feel it warranted further action than that taken by President Reagan," senior Rod Batts said.

Though we may not have been directly affected by the Beirut massacre or the Korean plane incident, though we may not have experienced the fear and anguish of those involved, we were touched by the shadow the incidents cast on the human race.

— Dorothy A. Batts

Paying the price of excellence

Practice began in the middle of August. This was just for the marching band as a whole. Individual practice had started much earlier for the students because they had to memorize their music, while the color guard had already begun to work. The work of the staff and band boosters had also been in process for some time to make arrangements for the year. The staff was composed of student teachers, directors, and also some experts who were hired to write and teach the show. This cost several thousand dollars which the band boosters set out to earn by doing several different fund-raising projects.

Entering a band competition entails more than just boarding a bus and enjoying a trip, as some people may think. Boosters had to raise the money that was needed and make arrangements for the trips. The show had to be practiced which took many hours, and some changes even had to be made. Managers had to see that equipment was put in the right place and kept in proper condition while the band members had the responsibility of hav-

ing their uniforms cleaned and keeping their instruments or equipment in good condition.

It's not easy being a manager because of everything that has to be done, but I do not mind using my time for them," senior Janet Banning said. The band had to ride buses for several hours at a time and sleep on gym floors on two of the trips. Meals often consisted of fast food two or three times a trip, which meant standing in line. There was also waiting in line to take showers in the locker rooms. Getting enough sleep was also a problem because of the amount of time that was spent practicing or riding buses. This problem caused some to become weak from fatigue and get sick, plus being extremely tired when they got back to school. These students also had the responsibility of keeping their grades up in other classes which was often difficult because of the time involved in band. "Sure band takes up a lot of time, but if you enjoy it then it is worth all the hard work you have to do," senior drum major J. R. Johnson said. Jeff A. Bullock



Ready to perform the finished product for the hometown fans, the drum majors give their salute to start the show.

During a break from practice and the heat of August, juniors Jodi Henke, Sherry Hendricks, and Katherine Wiggins take a minute to goof off.





D. Szama



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Pointing out an error, band director J.C. Sykes gives instruction to the band during a practice just prior to their performance at Grand Nationals

Colorguard instructor Donald "Goobar" Johnson shows equipment work to seniors Holly Willis, Holly Funk, junior Pam Sewell, and sophomore Alice Whicker



D. Szama

Unloading the buses, the band students get ready for the tight schedule they have to follow

Putting up one of her many basketball posters, Mrs. Debbie Webb displays her admiration for the players



Taking a break from chemistry juniors Sandra Powell, Alicia Johnson and Kathryn Fisher read articles about Culture Club's Boy George



Michael Jackson's album "Thriller" remained at the top of the charts for several months

Sharing a locker with two gorgeous men from GQ and Rick Springfield senior Tiffany Inman gains inspiration between classes





Affairs of the Heart

Some students found it difficult to concentrate in class when dreams of the limelight invaded their minds.

- Hello?
- Rick, is that you?
- Hey! What's up? It's been a long time. I meant to write, but you know how it is.
- Oh, that's okay. I'm supposed to be doing homework, but algebra can't compete with Remington Steele.
- Next weekend? Hold on, let me check my datebook.
- Ah . . . I'm sorry, Rick. This weekend Lionel Richie invited me to go on tour with him. The following week I'm flying out to Beverly Hills for Tom Selleck's birthday and then
- What? Get serious? You know I wouldn't miss your concert for anything. But . . . Someone's calling. Rick, I'm gonna have to put you on hold.
- Hi, Grandma.
- Yes, I'm fine and my cold is all gone.
- Yes, I fed the dog. Ah . . . Grandma, Rick Springfield is on hold, and
- No, he doesn't go to our church.
- I promise to be a good girl. I love you, too. Bye.
- Hello, Rick? Hello? Hello? Huh? What? Number 4, Mrs. Speight?

Dorothy A. Batts



Loverboy's Mike Reno performs live in Raleigh during the '83 tour.

Since his debut, comedian Eddie Murphy has been an instant hit. Junior Rueben Wilkins is a fan.



Smurfs are a colorful addition to Saturday viewing and to bland walls around school.

What a day for a swim! Seniors wonder how to cross the 4" deep pool of rain between the main building and the math building without getting wet. Until an unexpected truck solves their dilemma.



They thought they were having fun. Mrs. Debra Kinchee's fifth period English class decides to surprise her by watching the walls instead of "Tess." Their prank backfired the next day when she made them write a one-page essay backwards.

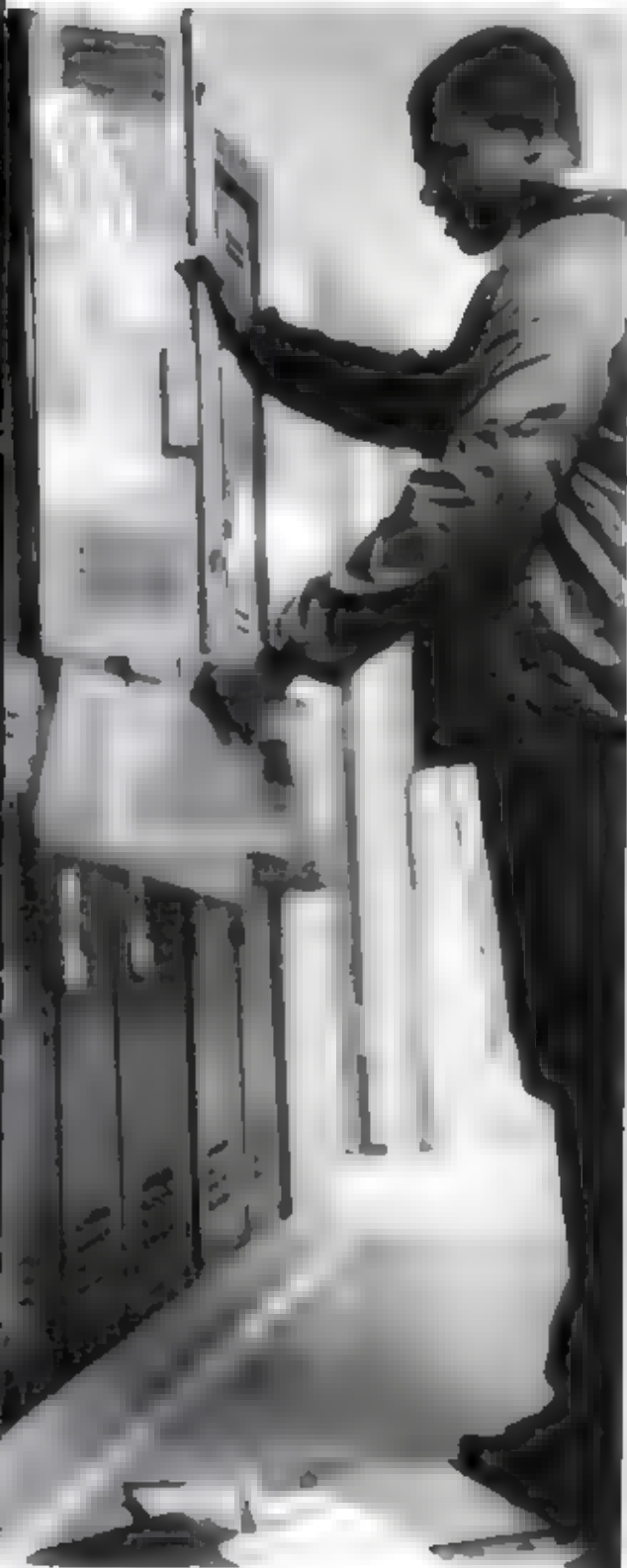




Murphy's Law in Action

Alarm clock rang 30 minutes late
 You dressed in record time
 You gulped down breakfast, Frosted
 Flakes
 At eight the clock did chime
 Into the car you hustled so quickly
 Cranked and stepped on the gas
 Down the road between home and school
 You realized that gas was your last
 Five blocks away sat the service station
 Never where it should be
 You walked the five blocks and then came
 back
 And inside your car was your key
 After the police had got the key out,
 And the gas was in your car
 You were finally on your way to school
 It wasn't very far
 Into the parking lot you went
 Parked in the very back row
 The time was 8:40, the bell had just rung
 To Riddick's office you go
 After you tried to explain your sad story
 He gave you a corridor pass
 Down the hall you finally remembered
 The test in English class
 Into English you went slowly
 Tried to be discreet
 All eyes raised to look at you
 As you stumbled to your seat
 The teacher glared at you angrily
 And threatened reprimand
 As you wandered from the room
 A detention lay in your hand
 You should have gone home and started
 again
 You decided after the day
 Six hours in detention hall
 Was a little too much to pay

Jill C. Baker

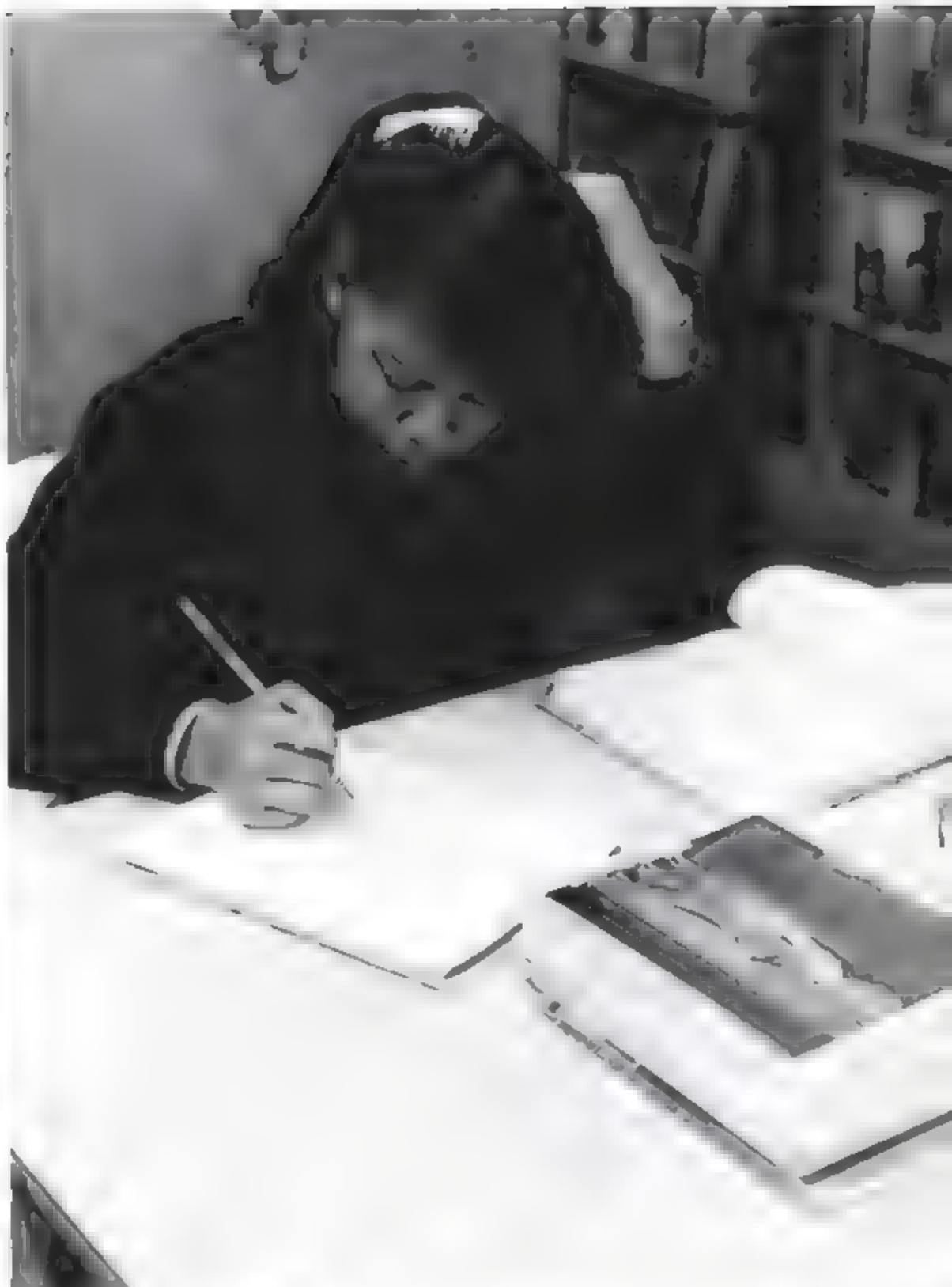


Defying the law of gravity, sophomore Keven Smith
 prepares to send a spitball sailing through the air

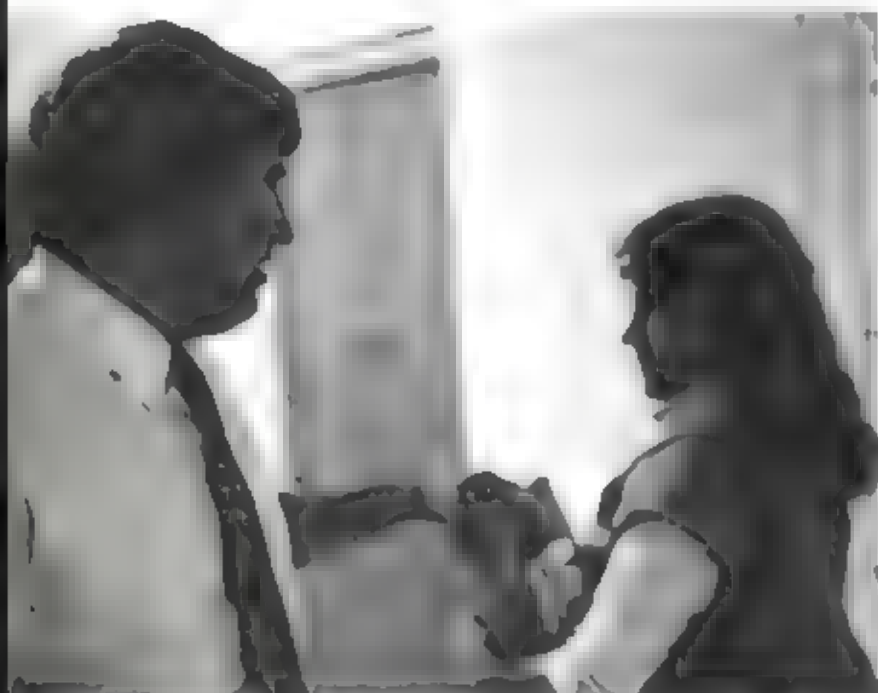
"Everything that can go wrong will go wrong,"
 discovers senior Brian Pittman

Surrounded by studious Freak-a-Zoid seniors Tony
 Doles and Michelle Roberson, senior Robena
 Robbins tries to concentrate on literature

During a study period, sophomore Marilyn Aveni tries to stay one step ahead in math.



Corridor pass? Sophomore Lisa Eatmon learns the ropes first-hand from Mr. Doll.



C. Bradshaw



A senior class adviser, Mrs. Debbie Webb and seniors Sabrina Lewis, Stephanie Richardson and Stephone Johnson sort through pics

S. Huey

Climbing Jockey's Ridge at the beach is one of life's downfalls for junior Daryll Grizer.



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Overcoming high hurdles

Four years of practice and sacrifice had led him to this moment. As he dug his shoe into the soft asphalt and cast a thoughtful glance about him, he saw the other men not as competitors, but as mutual believers in a dream. Beyond him lay the hurdles that would either make him or break him. But beyond them loomed the finish line, his triumph or his downfall.

Like the Olympic runner, every one of us must overcome hurdles from time to time. Students found that the height of these hurdles varied with their individual talents and abilities. For instance, passing English may have been one's challenge, while another student's greatest difficulty was getting a date for Friday night.

Being a sophomore on the first day of school

was a challenge that all students have had to face. Met with less than hospitable comments like, "Sophomores, go home," from complete strangers isn't an experience many of us would like to relive. Even juniors felt a little of the rejection in, "The class of '85 just don't give."

Of course, there was always the S.A.T. to overcome. This certainly headed the list of hurdles among college-bound members of the junior and senior classes. The competency test was a point of anxiety prevalent in those who planned to graduate at all.

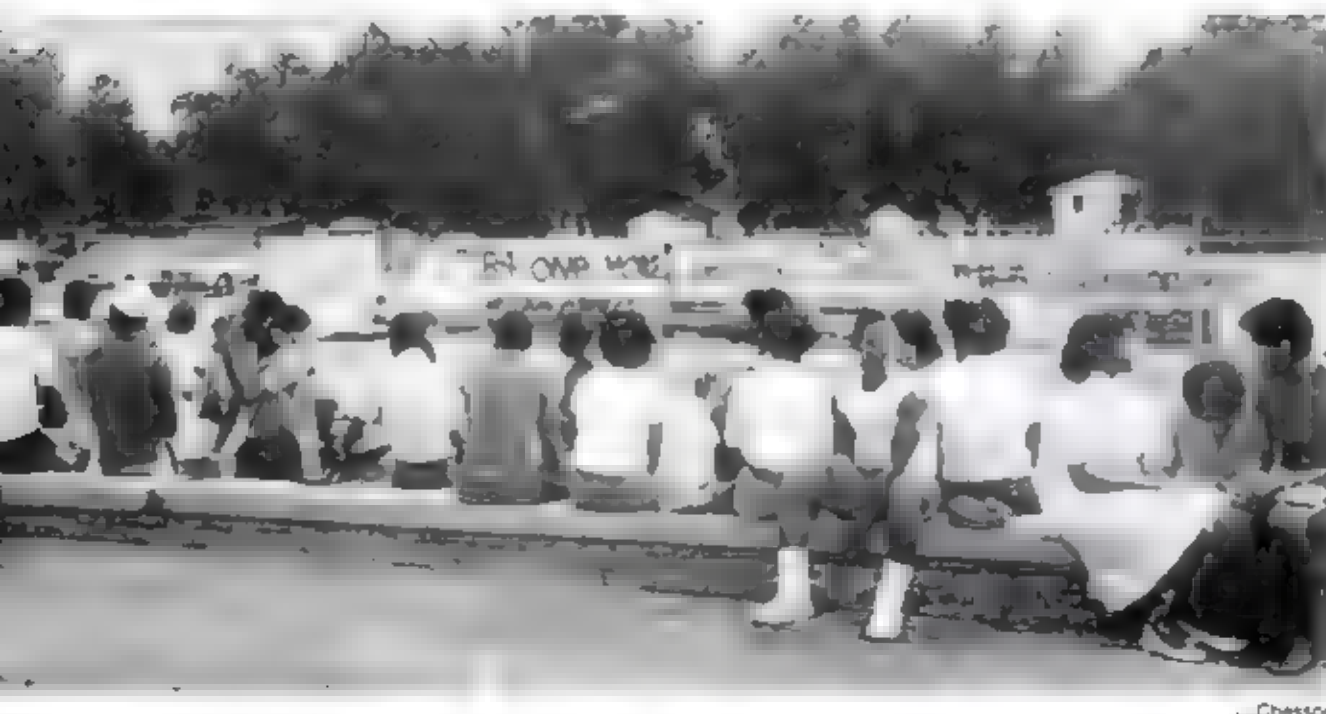
As the runner entered the last stretch of the race, directly ahead lay the finish line in all its glory. Behind him stood the hurdles in wait of less strong contenders. In the end, he wore the gold. Dorothy A. Batts



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A. Brown



J. Chesson

Walking in the rain is one thing, but this is ridiculous! Getting to class is no easy task here.

Knowing just where to draw the line is a piece of cake for gold key winner, junior Aubrey Holloman.

Is this any way to treat the baby Gryphs? On the first of school sophs are met with a special welcome.

Senior Dawn Davis

Senior Melvin Hinton



R Parks



D Bell



R Parks

Sophomores Ami Winstead and Beth Tyler

Mr Vann Cutts



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Junior Sean Braly

Sophomore Sharon Pittman



L. Lancaster



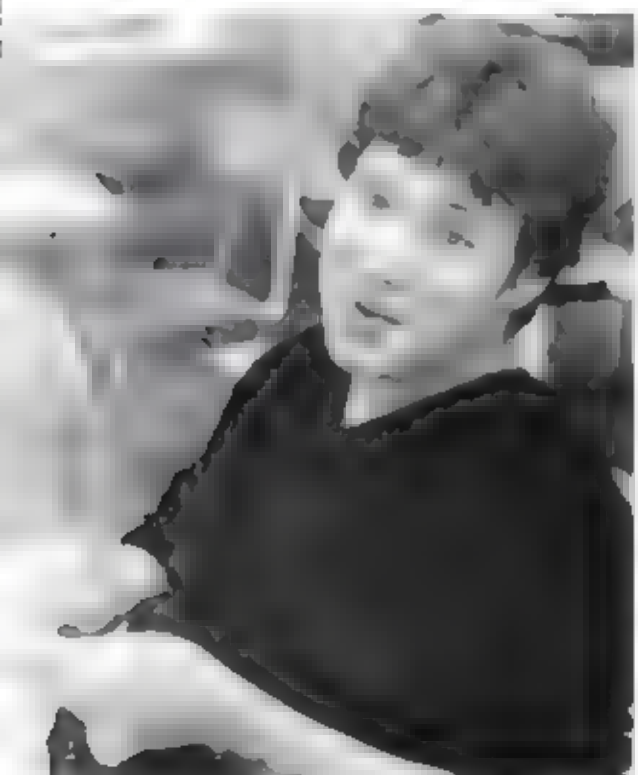
D. Batts



M. Furell

Mr. Lacy Davis

Seniors Melody Dickens, Sharon Hedgepeth, and Tamytha Brevard



C. Bradshaw

Senior Kent Robidoux

A Mine of Our Own

In the '84 Olympic games, athletes from virtually every corner of the globe will compete for the gold. They will place years of practice and accumulated hopes on the line for one brief, shining moment. That moment will belong only to the strongest and to the swiftest. All others will be long forgotten.

Over the years, Senior High has distinguished itself as a school of winners. Whether on the field or behind a desk, students have shown their exemplary spirit and dedication to a tradition of excellence. A student body so diverse in talents and interests and a faculty so instrumental in the development of these assets are a gold mine.

Even beyond the limelight, where there are no heroes, lives a spirit that inspires

achievers. Some students never wore the medals, never carried the trophies or smiled for the cameras, but they were the pulse that nourished a hunger for the gold.

Their quest for the gold symbolized so much more than defeating an arch rival or winning a state championship. It symbolized growth and expansion from adolescence into adulthood. Putting away all the things that no longer matter and finding out who we really are in a world where there are no answers are very much a part of the quest. Having the courage to stand for what we believe.

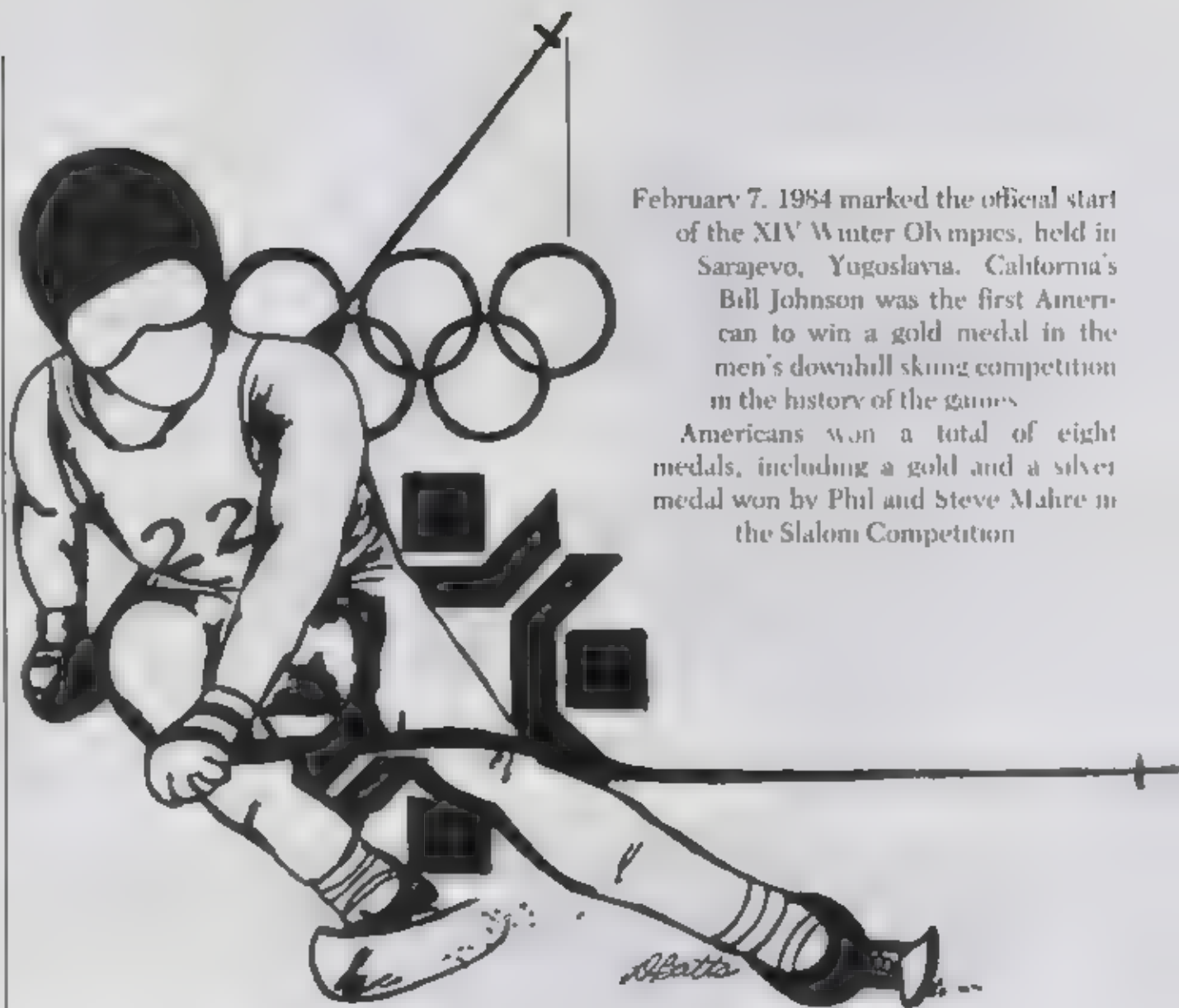
Every one of us plays a very special role in the search for the gold. Even after we leave this place, the search will continue inside each of us. Dorothy A. Batts

On the new year of 1984, Ma Bell (Bell System Telecommunications) broke up to form American Telephone and Telegraph and seven other smaller companies

At the wake of tremendous opposition the Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Bill was passed by Congress. January 15 was designated a national holiday in honor of Dr. King

After a very brief term in office, Yuri Andropov, leader of the Communist Party died at the age of 69, on February 9, 1984. Andropov had not been seen in public for over six months, and it was later learned that he was suffering from kidney disease

Konstantin Chernenko, 72, was inaugurated as the general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party



February 7, 1984 marked the official start of the XIV Winter Olympics, held in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. California's Bill Johnson was the first American to win a gold medal in the men's downhill skiing competition in the history of the games

Americans won a total of eight medals, including a gold and a silver medal won by Phil and Steve Mahre in the Slalom Competition



Sophomores born on February 29, celebrated their fourth birthday. They are Ashley Avers, Alexander Hammond, Angela Primlani, and Gail Sawyer. Mrs. Vivian Anderson celebrated her sixteenth birthday as a leap year baby

Michael Jackson captured a record eight Grammy Awards for his album, *Thriller*, which remained at the top of the pop music charts for over 30 weeks. Its popularity was enough to earn Jackson best pop album of the year. *Beat It* won best pop single. Michael Jackson sold more albums than Elvis or the Beatles

The English band Culture Club, won best new group

On their second consecutive trip to the Super Bowl, the Washington Redskins lost to the Los Angeles Raiders, 38-9

Going over last-minute instructions, adviser Katie McGee stresses the importance of unity in a routine with the JV cheerleaders.



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C Bradshaw



K Hicks

With the coaching staff stressing weightlifting,
 senior Nancy Nicholson tries to get a head start on the
 football team during her spare time

Intensity is the trademark of Gryphon teams as
 senior Micheal Earl and the rest of the Rocky Mount
 basketball team illustrate

Talented "stuff"

"Because of all the talent on our team I felt that some of our better players did not get all the credit that they deserved," senior J R Johnson said. It is true that some solid players like John Fagala played key support roles for the Gryphs, but the limelight belonged to the "standouts." The 1983 Gryphon baseball team boasted four all conference players, junior Neil Avent, alumni Eddie Coats, Marshall White, and Barry Butler. Each provided Gryphon fans with something to cheer about. Junior Neil Avent established two new school records in the area of hits and runs while alumnus Barry Butler stole 18 bases in 18 attempts.

"I felt we played excellent ball," Head Coach George Kelley remarked. The varsity compiled a 15-8 overall record which was good enough for a second-place finish in the Big East Conference. "We played with intensity every game and just never let up," third baseman Neil Avent said. The Gryphs played consistent ball but failed to beat conference pow-

er-house Greenville Rose in key games. "The

"Yeah, sure we'd liked to have finished first but second is darned good."

— senior Rod Batts

games with Rose were hard fought battles that were lost with close scores. junior Cedric Bullock said.

"I feel we have enough returning players to build a contender," sophomore Hank Jones said. His optimism was shared by junior outfielder Cedric Bullock, who stated, "Leadership from our returning players is the key to our future success."

"Yeah, sure we'd liked to have finished first in the conference but second is darned good," senior Rod Batts said. The squad combined their unique sense of pride with spirit to form the "stuff" that makes winners. Sandy Roberson.



Courtesy

Hanging on to the ball, sophomore Hank Jones makes the play against Wilson Hunt in a Gryphon 4-3 win.

After a loss at the hands of the Enloe Eagles, Coach Kelley talks to his players at third base.



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SCORECARD

Rocky Mount	Opp.
6	Roanoke Rapids 2
6	Enloe 7
1	Roanoke Rapids 8
1	Eastern Wayne 11
4	Eastern Wayne 3
4	Enloe 13
2	Beddingfield 0
4	Greenville 16
13	Beddingfield 10
10	Enloe 0
4	Roanoke Rapids 8
8	Northern Nash 3
4	Hunt 3
7	Northeastern 6
10	Kinston 1
9	Enloe 3
5	Beddingfield 4
8	Greenville 12
16	Northern Nash 7
2	Hunt 9
5	Northeastern 2
7	Kinston 6
6	Enloe 5

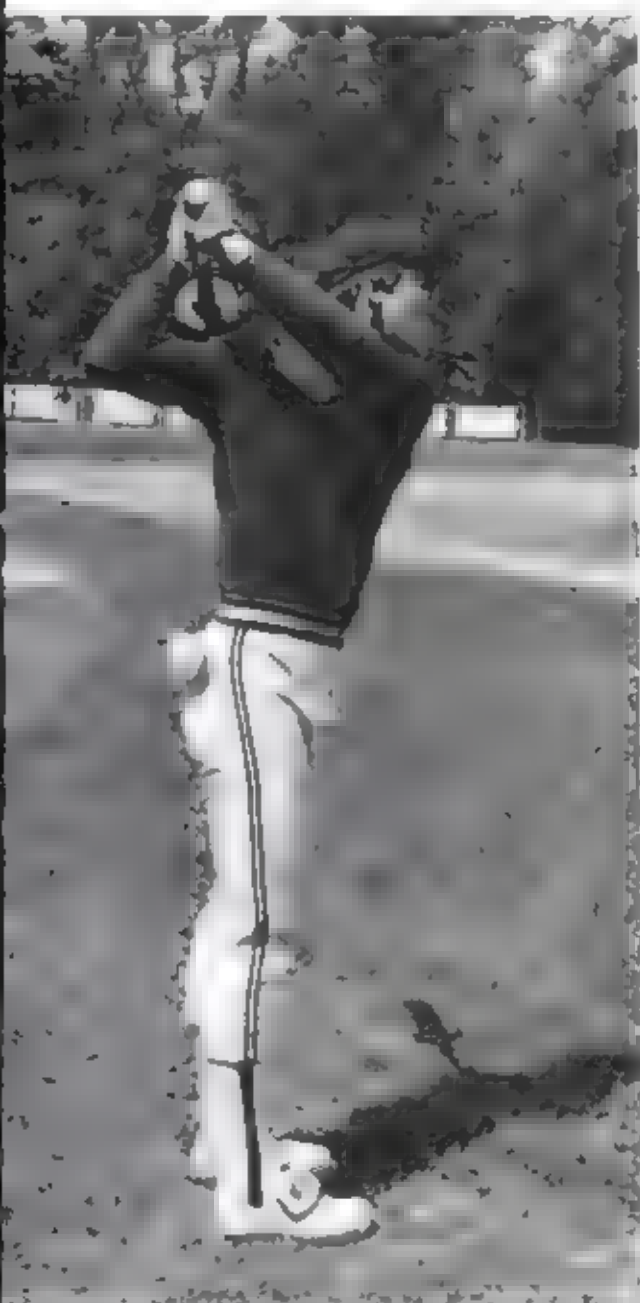
Overall Record — 15-8
Conference — 11-3
Standing — Second



N. Lucas

Playing with Roman Kelley, senior Marshall White discovers the joy of a really dedicated young fan's attention

Concentrating at the plate, junior Neil Avent improves his awesome batting average against Northern Nash



C. Bradshaw



Going through pre-game warm-ups, senior Barry Butler prepares to take batting practice at Enloe

Members of the varsity baseball team are. FRONT Eddie Coats, Neil Avent, Barry Butler, Cordell Lyons, Cedric Bullock, Rod Batts and Brian James SECOND ROW Tracy Moskovic, Ernest Suggs, Michael Doyle, Danny Isabel, Roney Harris, J R Johnson, Hank Jones, Marshall White BACK ROW Coach George Kelley, Pete Kobielnik, Greg Luther, Steve Gav, John Fagala, Chris Kline, McIver Garrison, Shelton Grant and Coach Shelton Chesson

Going for goal

"It all pays off in the end, one way or another."

— junior Brent Kirkham

Overall I was satisfied with our performance this season because of the improvement we showed over last year," said soccer coach Ed Moore. In the true Gryph tradition the soccer team was constantly seeking improvement. After a disappointing premiere the Gryphons improved their mark from 2-12 to 6-8.

This year, the second year of the soccer program's existence, the soccer team carried two all-conference players: juniors Kevin Hicks and Brent Kirkham. Kevin Hicks holds the school record for the most goals while

Brent was the team captain and emotional leader. "This year, I stayed healthy all year long. I did my best in both practice and at gametime. It all pays off in the end one way or another," said Brent Kirkham upon receiving all-conference honors.

I was really honored (at being picked all-conference), but our team played as a unit and not as individuals," said junior Kevin Hicks. He added, "The highlight of my year was when we beat Wilson Fike 3-2 in the last game of the season." All that junior Sean Braley could say about the Fike game was, "It was excellent — we'd never beaten Fike before."

A lone senior will be leaving the squad at graduation: Suvir Malaney. "The absence of Malaney will be hard to fill, but the team will still have plenty of talent for next season. Who knows? We may have a chance to win conference," said sophomore Tim Crawley. Sandy Roberson

SCORECARD

Rocky Mount		Opp.
0	Fike	3
5	Beddingfield	1
0	Greenville	1
6	Goldsboro	2
2	Hunt	3
1	Northeastern	2
3	Kinston	2
0	Fike	1
3	Beddingfield	2
0	Greenville	4
1	Goldsboro	3
0	Hunt	3
	Northeastern	forfeit
	Kinston	3
3	Fike	1

Overall record — 6-8



C. Bradshaw

Rejoicing after a victory over Wilson Fike, senior Suvir Malaney expresses the team's emotions.

Contemplating his team's next move, Coach Ed Moore coaches the soccer team to victory against Wilson Beddingfield.



C. Bradshaw





Dribbling past an opponent, junior Kevin Cox hopes for a goal

Defending against a Wilson Fike opponent, junior Sean Brady goes for the steal.



Members of the soccer team are FRONT ROW Ken Hicks, Johnny Merritt, Ricky Parks and Brent Kirkham. **SECOND ROW** Todd Salter, Tom Shannon, Michael Walker and Kevin Cox. **BACK ROW** Suvi Malaney, Mac McAuley, Kevin Hicks and Tim Crawley

Michael Wake and Kevin Cox. BACK
Malaney, Mac McAuley, Kevin Hicks and



C. Bradshaw



C. Bradshaw

"A perfect pitch!" exclaims junior Kim Courtney as she practices her technique

Making it home is junior Michelle White as junior Kim Courtney defends the play



Courtesy

Her eyes focused on the ball, alumna Chariana Lee brings in a catch to help better the team's defense for an upcoming game.

Eying the pitch, junior Jewel Sharpe prepares herself for a hit in practice as the season is off to a roaring start.

Ladies slug their way home

The lady sluggers started off rather cold, but things heated up as the season went on. The team possessed a strong line-up that consisted primarily of seniors. Sophomores and juniors filled in as they molded their skills to various positions. The team was coached by Mrs. Debbie Jo Rhodes.

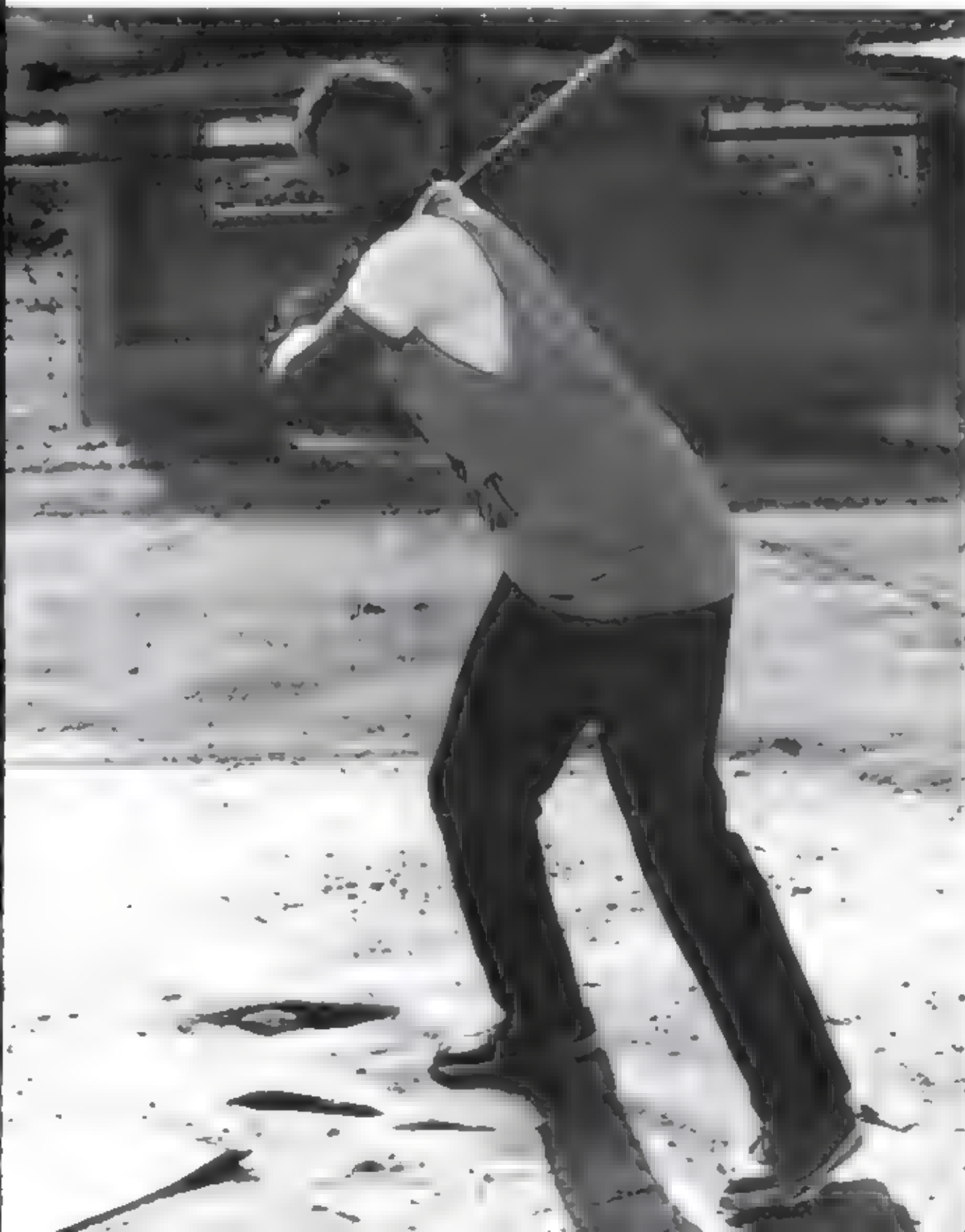
I was disappointed with our season because we had the potential to be first in the conference, Rhodes said.

The team also had to deal with practice sites which added to their problems. "I don't think we practiced three times on our home field," Rhodes said. The Gryphs were led by such talent as seniors Vivian Farmer, Sharon Pratt, Beulah Battle and Charlane Lee. "We depended on the older players for guidance and leadership," said junior Mona Powell.

"Due to the extended season in basketball, most of the girls were late getting started, but they came in and did their jobs," junior Jewel Sharpe said.

The Gryphons sported four all-conference players: seniors Vivian Farmer, Charlane Lee, Chris Augst, and junior Denise Batts. Senior Vivian Farmer was chosen as Most Valuable Player and senior Chris Augst was awarded the Coach's Award. Junior Denise Batts won the Best Defensive Player honor.

At the conclusion of the conference ratings, Rockv Mount tied Northern Nash Senior High with the respectful record of 10-4. George C. King



J. Baker

Showing excellent technique in fielding, senior Andrea McNair awaits eagerly as the ball proceeds uninterrupted, into her glove.

Teed off lately?

"Last year's golf season was a learning experience for a lot of us . . . our record wasn't indicative of our talent and ability," junior Richard Verrone said. The team posted a 6-0 overall record which was good for a fifth-place finish in the Big East Conference.

"We had the potential to be good, but we never came together, so we were pleased with our fifth-place finish," senior Jeff Vaughan stated.

The Gryphons were led by alumnus John Baker and senior Jeff Vaughan. When asked about teammate Baker, Vaughan said, "The team will miss John both physically and inspirationally. The team was unique in that it had one of the only girls in the conference."

"I was very pleased with my performance throughout the year, but hopefully, I'll improve even more," said Kristie Elliott, who was the top girl golfer.

"It was nice having one of the only girls in the conference on our team," said senior Reggie Pryor.

The golf team, in only its third year, has managed to improve its record each season.

"Each year we manage to climb the conference ladder."

— Coach Walt Wiggins

"Last year we were seventh in conference play and this year we finished fifth. Each year we managed to climb the conference ladder," Coach Wiggins said. "Hopefully each year we will continue to do better in the conference," he added. Robert Deans and Sandy Robertson



Practicing up on his technique, alumnus Barry Watkins realizes that practice does make perfect.



Lining up the putt, junior Richard Verrone concentrates to make an eagle.



Members of the golf team include: Kristie Elliott, Reggie Pryor, Richard Verrone, Don Raper, and George Brown.

Taking advantage of a few free moments, senior Reggie Pryor takes a few practice swings in an available spot.





JV Baseball members are: **FRONT ROW:** Mike Morris, Scott Woodcock, Anthony Brown, Jeff Carter, and Scott Tulloss **SECOND ROW:** James Avent, Darnick Sessoms, Jerry Edwards, Mike Edwards, Greg Pierce, and Donny Bobbitt **BACK ROW:** Juan Chesson, Anthony Robbins, Lamar McQueen, Scott Proctor, and Terrance Dickens

Discussing a few fundamentals before practice are sophomores Jeff Carter, Anthony Brown, and Anthony Robbins



Scooping up a routine ground ball, junior Scott Tulloss prepares for the upcoming season

hit and run

"During the season, everybody on the field played a big part in every game," said junior Juan Chesson. He added, "because of the depth of our team and our closeness, success came easily for us. The J.V. baseball team ended the season with a 12-5 mark and a second place finish in the Big East Conference. The baby Gryphs were 9-1 in their first ten games of the season. During this stretch the Gryphs managed to beat a Greenville Rose opponent who had not lost a J.V. baseball game in three years. "I really can't express my feelings after we beat Rose — we were just static!" remarked junior Scott Tulloss. After a tough loss to Beddingfield, the Gryphs dropped the next three. "I don't know, the loss to the Bruins was a heartbreak and hard to accept. I guess we just kind of let down on ourselves," junior Michael Doyle commented. The Gryphs managed to "shake off" to finish the season with a respectable record.

Team unity and talent combined to produce a successful season. The delicate balance between scoring strength and defensive play was apparent on the baby Gryph squad. Rocky Mount was led by juniors Lamar McQueen, Scott Tulloss and Michael Doyle. Most Valuable Player, Lamar McQueen, batted an im-

pressive .423 batting average. "Lamar has a lot of potential," coach Shelton Chesson pointed out. Doyle spent time playing on varsity as he was rewarded for his J.V. performance, while Scott Tulloss was given the opportunity to emulate Lou Gering by playing every inning of every game.

"Overall, the season was a good one, but we had a little difficulty as a lot of our players were moved up to varsity. We were just lucky that our depth compensated for this."

— Coach Shelton Chesson

"Overall, the season was a good one, but we had a little difficulty as a lot of our players were moved up to varsity. We were just lucky that our depth compensated for this," Coach Shelton Chesson said. "Baseball season for me was a learning experience, and that's what I'm here for," sophomore Mike Morris summarized. C. Sandy Roberson and Jenn

SCORECARD

RMSH		OPPONENT
8	Tarboro	0
8	Tarboro	7
4	Beddingfield	2
5	Greenville	2
10	Roanoke Rapids	0
10	Northern Nash	6
10	Hunt	0
13	Northeastern	3
9	Kinston	1
13	Fike	7
5	Beddingfield	6
7	Greenville	8
7	Eastern Wayne	9
2	Hunt	4
11	Northeastern	5
4	Kinston	0
8	Fike	2
Overall Record 12-5		

Stroke for stroke

"The outcome of the boys tennis season was pleasing," said tennis coach Judy Bradshaw. Led by alumni Terry Gratz and Chris Jannelle, each top-seeded member advanced to at least the second round of sectional play. "I feel we had a great year, and everyone who made it to the sectionals deserved it," junior Jake Parrott said.

With the team finishing 10-4 and third in conference, the biggest problem was not the opposition, it was disciplinary problems within the squad. Friction began among key players and the coach over attitudes. The result was the dismissal of the two budding stars. Junior Andy Anderson said, "the whole situation was unfortunate but after business was attended to, things began to settle down."

Although the boys tennis team may not have lived up to its expectations, their outlook remained positive even though their season

presented many problems. This outlook was expressed by junior Steve Armstrong, who said, "Tennis has really been a plus in my

"I feel we had a great year and everyone who made it to the sectionals deserved it."

— junior Jake Parrott

curriculum in many ways. Besides promoting my self-discipline it helped me to unwind after a hard day of school." Junior Tom Shannon summed it all up when he said "It (tennis) was great." He added, "We have a strong nucleus of players returning and we should be conference contenders for the 1984 season." Sandy Roberson

SCORECARD

Rocky Mount	Opp.
5 Roanoke Rapids	4
6 Roanoke Rapids	3
4 Hunt	5
7 Northeastern	2
7 Kingston	2
7 Fike	2
9 Beddingfield	0
7 Greenville	2
2 Greenville	7
2 Northeastern	6
4 Hunt	5
7 Fike	1
7 Fike	2
9 Beddingfield	0
5 Greenville	4
6 Northern Nash	1
Overall Record — 11-4	



S. Roberson

Defending the baseline, junior Tom Shannon waits for the serve

Concentrating on the ball, junior Jake Parrott defends the net.



S. Roberson



R. Alston



courtesy

Giving Instructions, Coach George Ramey "hits" a few in practice

Eyeling the ball, senior Mark Felton prepares to volley against Northern Nash



K. Hicks

Members of the boys tennis team are Andy Anderson, Jake Parrot, Steve Armstrong and Coach Judy Bradshaw. Not pictured are: Terry Gratz, Chris Jannelle, Paul Shannon, Don Evans, Mark Felton, Tom Shannon, Gary Clett, and Billy Poplin

Runners make tracks

"Due to the lack of runners we had on the team, we depended more on our individual strengths," senior Nolan Corpening said. The track team had outstanding runners that received special recognition at the close of the year. Alumni Wayne Battle, Jimmy Morgan, Tony Stokes, and seniors Jonas Lynch and Nolan Corpening all qualified for the sectionals in their special areas.

As the competition became stiffer, the Gryphs had three representatives to go to the regionals: Tony Stokes, Nolan Corpening and Jimmy Morgan. Stokes advanced to the state finals to be ranked as one of the top runners in the state. He also picked up the Most Valuable Player award for the team. The team was coached by Roscoe Batts and Reggie Henderson. "The team was much improved over that of the past year, even though we did not do as well as we wanted," said Coach Batts. "I felt good about the season because we did better than we had in the past," Coach Henderson said. "We were weak in the field events, but we always have good sprinters," added Henderson.

The girls track team also boasted outstanding individual runners. Alumni Lois Baker

and Sandy Ess were the leading runners for the team. "Sandy qualified for the sectionals but illness prevented her from competing," Coach Batts said. Ess was a long-distance runner in the 3200 and 1600 meters. Lois Baker finished first in the 200 and 400 yard events in the sectionals. She advanced to the regionals to pick up second-place honors in the 400 yard event. "All-conference runners are based on performance in the conference," Coach Batts said. To add to Baker's honors, she was the conference champion in the 100, 200 and 400 yard events.

"I felt the team worked hard for the same goal," senior Kathy Mosley said. The girls finished fourth in the conference standings.

"We were a much improved team over the past and managed to compile a good season," Batts said. **George King**

"Even though we were small in number we were extremely competitive and managed to improve our conference standing."

— Coach Batts



Members of the track team are FRONT ROW: Nolan Corpening, Sam Moore. BACK ROW: Sylvester Hamson, Jonas Lynch, Gilbert Allford, Greg Thorne, David Hollar. NOT PICTURED: Ken Hicks, Dennis Porter.

Senior Roscoe Dickens concentrates on his throw in the shot-put at a track meet.





Courtesy



Courtesy

In perfect form senior Shadia Wahdan leaps over the low hurdles

Foreign exchange student Saina Luchsinger runs her course in practice

Coach Roscoe Batts watches the baton exchange between alumnus Wayne Battie and senior Sam Moore



Courtesy

Keepin' track as Gryphons follow the sun

"We may not have done super great, but regardless of what our record says — We have heart!"

— Marti Mucci

"Cross country is a personal challenge — It's a sport where you compete against your self," junior Steve Bastian said. "Cross country runners are slightly individualistic, maybe even slightly egotistical," he added.

Running provides me with an outlet after a hard day at school . . . besides I love nature," senior Andy Brown said.

The reasons for running cross-country were as varied as the people running it, but they all took a joy in succeeding.

The cross country team finished fifth in the conference. "We may not have done super great, but regardless of what our record says — We have heart!" junior Marti Mucci said.

"Cross country can be a fun sport, but it can be very competitive," senior Calvin Fitz said. "I started running cross country to get in shape for basketball season, and I found that cross country itself can be a very rewarding sport," Fitz added.

Behind the scenes

"As a trainer you don't get much recognition, but you do gain a sense of pride," senior Tracy Moskovic said.

"The job we do seems insignificant, but it keeps things moving along," junior Bryan

James said.

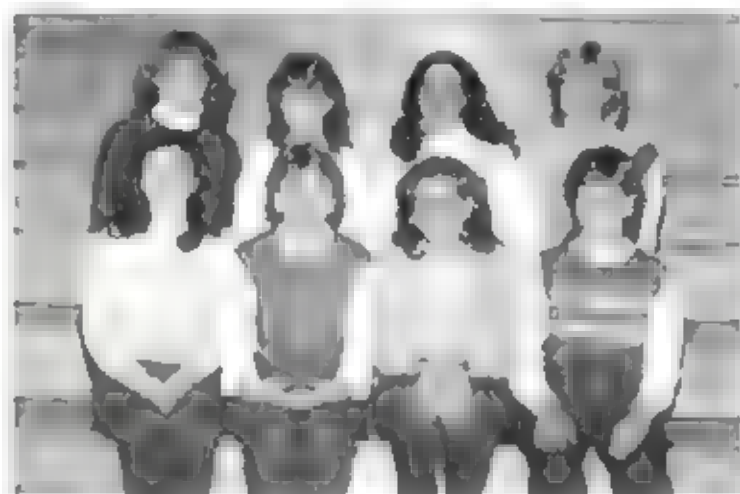
The trainers, managers, and statisticians kept the athletic teams and events going smoothly. Amidst the tape, "stick-um," and "atomic bomb," the trainers and managers tried to keep the athletes healthy.

"We have a desire to see the Gryphons do what they do best — win . . . and the only way they can do this is to keep healthy," said Calvin Norwood.

The statisticians, among other functions, kept statistics and occasionally helped the H. Noc-Ar sports sections.

"I just love doing it," junior Lori Overton said.

Whether a trainer, statistician, or manager, they all formed the backbone of the athletic department. Sandy Roberson



Statisticians for the teams are: **FRONT ROW:** Dawn Turney, Nancy Nicholson, Connie Bradshaw, and Melanie Raper. **TOP ROW:** Carmen Coley, Lori Overton, Simmons Harrington, and Fran Worsley.



Managers and trainers for the teams are: **FRONT ROW:** Connie Bradshaw, Tom Bruno, and Melanie Raper. **TOP ROW:** Ernie Suggs, Bryan James, Tracy Moskovic, and Calvin Norwood.

Watching attentively, senior Sylvester Harrison waits for trainer Bryan James to tape his ankle.



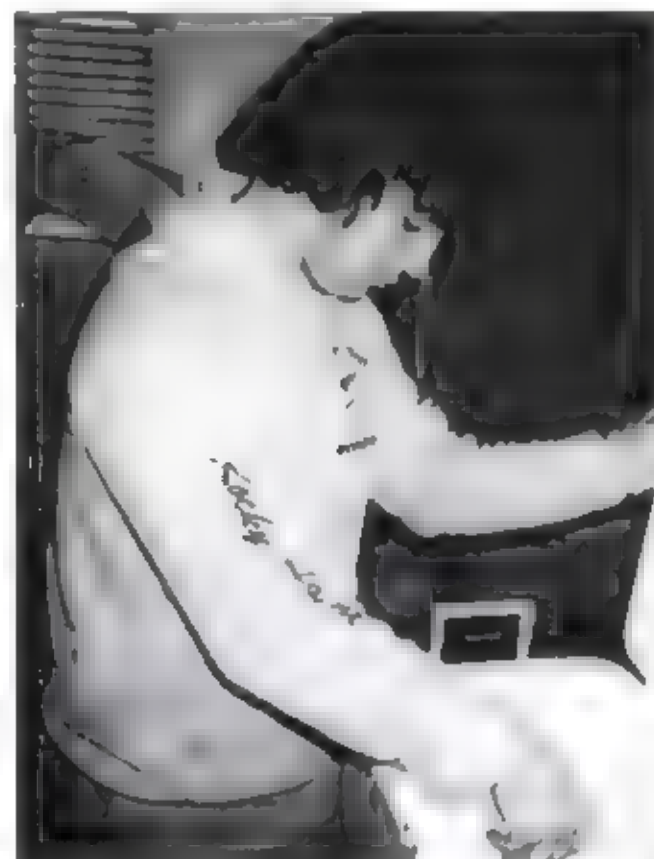
S. Roberson

Cooling out after setting a cross-country conference record, Seina Luchsinger relaxes as she watches the soccer team



C. Bradshaw

Preparing the ice for the game, senior Tracy Moskovic checks the cooler



S. Roberson



D. Szama

Members of the cross country team are **FRONT ROW:** Joe Battle, Jerome Townsend **SECOND ROW:** Calvin Fitz, Calvin Edmondson, Pam Ess, David Livingston, Marti Mucci, David Roll, Eibert Davis. **THIRD ROW:** Reggie Winstead, Tony Corey, Vincent Harrison, Steve Bastian, Reggie Harper, Tony Joyner and Ernie Griffin

A bum racket

"We may not have been the best team in the conference this year, but we had a lot of fun and that's what counts."
— Cecily Watson

Let's just face it — we goofed this year commented second seeded Joylette Whitaker after the girls tennis team finished 2-12 overall and sixth in the Big East. Dawn Turnley related the Gryphs poor season to a lack of experience. "Hopefully, by next year we will have improved," she added. Coach Judy Bradshaw

said, "I'm never pleased with a losing season but our team has shown some progress

Junior Carmen Coley said, "I had some problem with consistency during the season. I lost a lot of close matches I felt I should have won." Junior Melody Williams said "It's kinda hard to get up for a match when the odds are stacked up against you, but the fellowship we shared as a team was special

Summarizing the team's spirit, junior Cecily Watson said, "We may not have been the best team in the conference this year, but we had a lot of fun and that's what counts." Sandy Roberson



Going baseline, Sharon Allen returns the ball against Northern Nash

Sophomore Fran Worsley rushes the net against Wilson Fike. The Gryphs fell 8-0



Members of the girls tennis team are FRONT ROW Melody Williams Dawn Turnley, Cecily Watson. BACK ROW Joylette Whitaker, Carmen Coley, Coach Judy Bradshaw, Sharon Allen. NOT PICTURED Fran Worsley, Susan Stock, Joannetta Johnson and Jennifer Gowin



SCORECARD

Rocky Mount		Opp
0	Kinston	9
0	Fike	9
5	Beddingfield	4
1	Greenville	8
2	Northern Nash	7
0	Hunt	9
0	Northeastern	9
0	Kinston	9
1	Fike	8
5	Beddingfield	4
0	Greenville	9
1	Northern Nash	8
2	Hunt	7
1	Northeastern	5

Overall record — 2-12



K. Hicks

Returning a shot against Greenville, junior Carmen Coley tries unsuccessfully to pull her team to victory

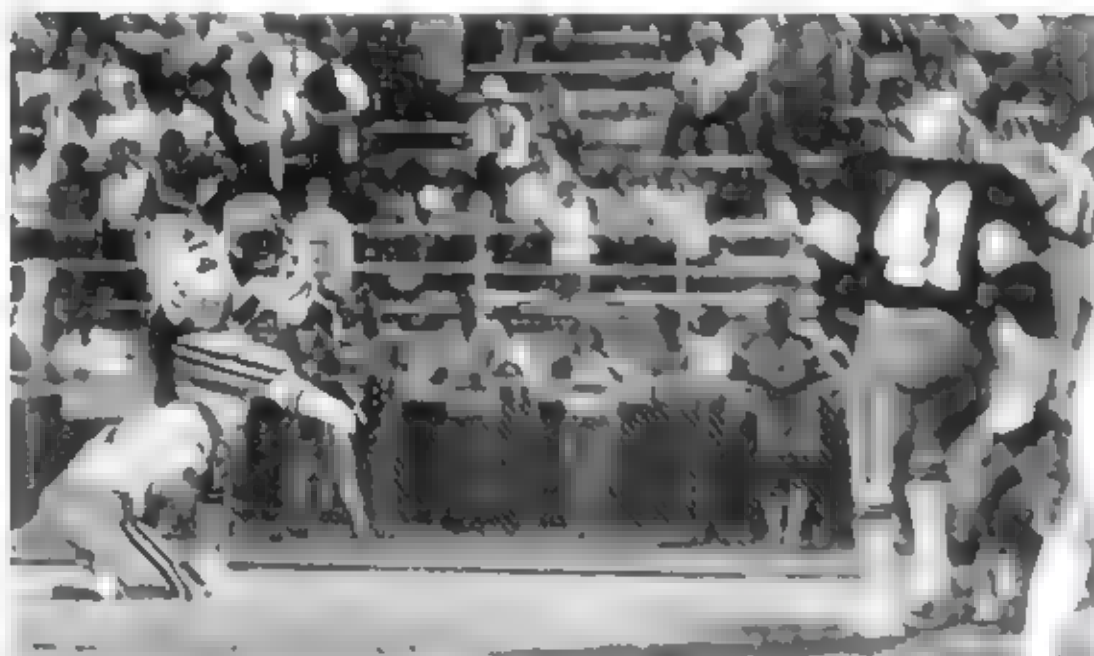
Following through with a backhand, junior Joylette Whitaker sends the ball across the net

Alston

Before they take the field, the Gryphon offensive gathers around Coach Hudkins for last-minute instructions



A. Brown



A. Brown

To give the Gryphons their first victory of the season in the opener, senior Reggie Pryor kicks the winning field against Tarboro

In hot pursuit, seniors "Spanky" Harper and Jeff Jones and their teammate in gaining yardage





A. Brown

A blaze of glory

The Gryphons got off to a strong start by defeating Tarboro 9-7 on a last minute field goal by senior Reggie Pryor. Tremendous pressure faced Pryor with realization that he held the fate of the game in his hands. "I did not kick too well that night and I missed an extra point right before I was called on again," said Pryor. "I was scared, but I blocked everything off and concentrated." Pryor added:

The next couple of weeks did not bring the Gryphons much fortune. The team ran up against a strong Goldsboro squad that downed the Gryphons 32-15. Against Beddingfield the Gryphs played with more intensity but fell short 16-14. The Gryphons regrouped and turned the season around by beating ninth-ranked Greenville Rose 14-7 and arch-rival Northern Nash 21-14.

"I was so happy I could have cried, because they have been beating us since the eighth grade," defensive stand-out Reggie "Spanky

Harper said.

I felt the team gave 100 percent and this

"Coach Kelly told us to play the game as if it was just another game, but the team was up for it and we played the best we have ever played."

— Roney Harris

win proves we are a good team and we will turn our season around and make a run at the conference championship," senior center Jeffery Richardson said.

The next game the Gryphons hosted Wilson Hunt, who was undefeated and ranked sixth in the state. As a final score of 7-0, the Gryphs were then regarded as the terror of the Big East. The game capped off a three game winning streak for the Gryphs. George C. King



D. Sazama

Listening attentively, Jeffery Richardson (50), Greg Thorne (66) and Roney Harris (7) wait for Coach George Kelley's decision.

A valiant effort fails as Gryphon defensive tries to keep the Goldsboro opponent out of the end zone. Goldsboro goes on to win 32-15.

A disappointing end

With half of the season over, the Gryphons were in a three-way tie with Wilson Hunt and Wilson Beddingfield. Unfortunately, the Gryphons' season took an unexpected drop after their three-game winning streak.

After many years of coaching, Coach Walt Wiggins retired and left the ball in the hands of Coach George Kelley. The Gryphon tradition continued. There were many question marks and young, inexperienced players, but there were plus signs as well. Nolan Corpening, a transfer student from Southwest Edgecombe High School, brought his talent and experience to the team to give them a well-needed addition. Another addition was sophomore split-end Otis Sanders. Due to his outstanding performance with the junior varsity team, Sanders earned a spot on the varsity roster. It took a little while to adapt to the surroundings, but the upperclassmen

accepted me," Sanders said.

The team at the end of the season fell to Northeastern and Kinston in very bitter losses.

It was a big disappointment to me not to be

"I thought we had a good ball club, but we gave out at the end."

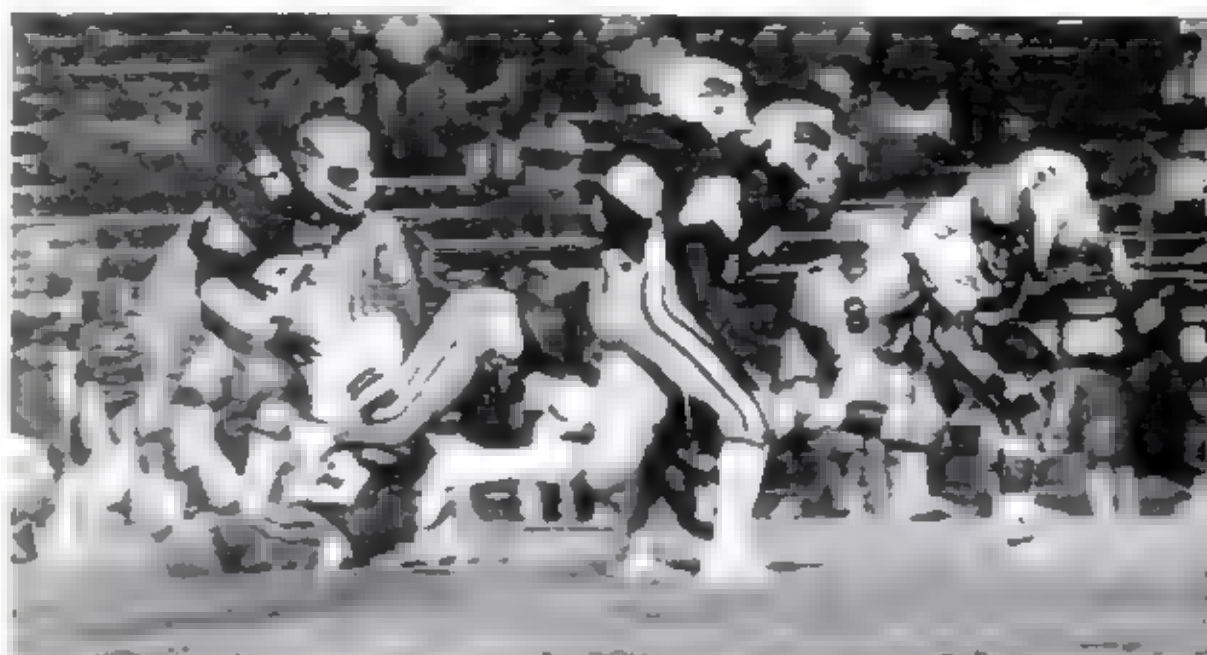
— junior quarterback Roney Harris

able to make the play-offs, but we will work harder for the next year," junior receiver Scott Tulloss said. "We were better than our record indicated, but we had problems concentrating on the weaker teams," added Tulloss. George C. King

SCORECARD

Rocky Mount	Opp.
0	Eastern Wayne 17
9	Tarboro 7
15	Goldsboro 32
14	Beddingfield 16
21	Greenville 14
21	Northern Nash 14
7	Hunt 0
12	Northeastern 41
12	Kinston 13
7	Five 24

Overall Record — 4-6



Maintaining his balance, senior tailback Nolan Corpening eludes Tarboro defenders.

The members of the varsity football team are
FRONT ROW Jimmie Vines, Scott Tulloss, Cedric Bullock, Michael Doyle, John Brantley, Neil Avent, Roney Harris, Keith Evans, Nolan Corpening, Jimmie Taylor, and Reggie Pryor
SECOND ROW Michael Ellis, Arthur Walker, David Hollar, Darryl Mitchell, Sam Moore, Thomas Fox, Chris Lynch, Darren Pittman, Cedric Mercer, Jeff Richardson, Richard Verrone, and Kenny Wilkins
THIRD ROW Jeff Jones, Robert Deans, Sylvester Harrison, Michael Battle, David Wynne, Rod Battle, Greg Thorne, Leon Blount, Ellis Byrd, Juan Chesson, and Rudolph Cabbagestalk
FOURTH ROW Jerome Bullock, Michael Daniels, Reggie Harper, Greg Joyner, Ron Whitehead, Lamont Wiggins, Michael Earl, Derrick Byrd, Derek Kelly, James Avent and Marcus Battle





□ Sowers

Aiming for six, junior quarterback Roney Harris attempts to make a pass

To block a punt, the Gryphon defense lines up



□ Baker



□ Baker

In disbelief, junior quarterback Roney Harris kneels at the realization of the Gryphon defeat

As varsity cheerleaders Jesma Evans and Jennifer Yelverton warm up the crowd, the varsity team heats up in the homecoming game against Northeastern



□ Baker

JV's taste thrill of victory

"We had one of our best starts in three years," JV football coach Shelton Chesson said about the 1983 season. The JV Gryphs rolled over its first four opponents, scoring an average of 32 points per game. The team was led by sophomore quarterback Hank Jones, who used such targets as sophomores Otis Sanders and Keith Moore. Sanders and Jones hooked up time after time for long gainers and key scores.

The Gryphs countered their passing game with a balanced ground game led by sophomore tailback Connell Pitt, who compiled over eleven hundred yards rushing on the year. He was aided by a solid offensive line averaging almost two hundred pounds per man.

"We had an awesome defense," sophomore

Alex Brown stated, and awesome is just what it was. The defense held opposing teams to an average of only ten points per game. They also shut teams out twice during the season and allowed only three of ten teams to score in double figures.

The Gryphs lost only three games all sea-

"We had one of our best starts in three years."

— Coach Shelton Chesson

son, which was good for a second place finish. "I felt we should have been 10 and 0," said Coach Shelton Chesson, "but I was still satisfied with the way we performed all season."

SCORECARD

RMSH		OPPONENT
30	Tarboro	0
38	Northern Nash	8
28	Goldboro	8
34	Beddingfield	7
6	Greenville	21
34	Northern Nash	0
6	Hurd	7
24	Northeastern	6
20	Kinston	14
6	Fike	12
Overall 1-3		
Conference 5-2		



Courtesy

Members of the JV football team are **FRONT ROW** Hank Jones, Paul Eilers, Jesse Whitaker, Connell Pitts, Scott Proctor, Anthony Brown, Jeffrey Smith, Otis Sanders, Troy Thompson, and Jerome Pittman. **SECOND ROW:** Willis Martin, Keith Moore, Currie Moore, Andy Powell, Rodney Alston, Gary Knight, Pernell Silver, John Sharpe, Tim Crandall, James Powell, and Chris Fly. **THIRD ROW:** Lee Hunter, Scott

Woodcock, Derrick Sessoms, Jeff Moore, Mike Mabry, George Bunn, Alex Brown, Terrance Ricks, Andy Kimber, Otis Anderson, Herman Whitaker, and Lawrence Branch. **BACK ROW:** Fred Tillman, Milton Jenkins, Marvin Hicks, Alex Hammond, Anthony Robbins, Monte Tippet, Jerry Edwards, Malcolm Leathers, Raymond Crandall, Lamont Warren, and Everard Joyner.

With concern showing, Coach Shelton Chesson returns from a huddle after discussing the team's next move.





Looking for the open field is sophomore Cornell Pitts while attempting to "joke" the opposition



Discussing post-game stats are Jeff Moore, Jerry Edwards, Ots Anderson, Carmen Coley, and Undray Cherry

Surging for a few more yards is Connell Pitts, while lineman Andy Kimber looks on

Giving it his all, senior Anthony Dupree goes for two in the game against Greenville Rose.

Aiming for another two points, senior Michael Earl manages to get away from his opponent to shoot two for the Gryphons.



R. Parks



S. Roberson

Finishing up his homework, junior Tyrone Pride takes advantage of the new study procedure



R. Parks

Studying pays off!

"The idea of having study hall was a great idea," junior Tyrone Pride said. The 1983-84 varsity basketball team put into practice a new

Grades have come to mean as much to me as basketball, and I am beginning to see the need to keep all channels of advancement open."

—Tyrone Pride

outine. For the boys basketball team, practice began at 5:00 p.m. for study hall and 6:00 p.m. for practice session. Coach Gerald Costen was responsible for getting the program started because he noticed that his players

grades tended to drop during the season. "It has worked, no one has been kicked off the team this year because of academic ineligibility," senior Calvin Fitz said. "Personally, it has really helped me," he added.

These regimented study habits have increased the classroom motivation of the team.

It helps you to do more in class and to want to do more ... It's just a big help," senior Sherrod Barnes emphasized. "To be caught up in one's studies has proven to be a factor toward motivation and better grades," he added.

Grades have come to mean as much to me as basketball, and I am beginning to see the need to keep all possible channels of advancement open," junior Tyrone Pride said. Sandy Roberson



K. Hicks

Concentrating on the hoop, junior center Ernie Griffin releases the ball.



S. Roberson

Building up his intellectual capacity, junior James Avent studies hard before practice.



R. Park

Mentally preparing his next move, coach Gerald Costen watches the team as his players look on.

Foul weather strikes varsity

With the legend of former head basketball coach Reggie Henderson hanging over the start of the 1983-84 season, play began slowly. While posting a 6-14 record, the Gryphs underwent a metamorphosis. They went from

coming along," junior Ernie Griffin said. "The mood of the team from being down on ourselves to a more positive outlook has resulted from Coach Costen's forcefulness." senior Michael Earl said. "Every game we go out and give one hundred percent, but we have just had a few bad breaks," he added.

The team possessed some good individual players like Ernie Griffin and Anthony Dupree who have been key players in the Gryphs' performances. "Most of the year, we have been up physically and down mentally," senior Darrell Powell said. "The key to success is staying together and discipline; we just did not have that going for us," he added. Sandy Roberson

"The key to success is staying together and discipline; we just did not have that going for us."

— Darrell Powell

individual play to team play.

"Coach Costen is a good coach, he is really

SCORECARD

RM	OP
70	Southwest 46
50	Eastern Wayne 52
52	Goldboro 84
77	Eastern Wayne 47
51	Goldboro 58
59	Broughton 94
66	Enloe 64
64	Southwest 66
50	Beddingfield 62
67	Rose 46
51	Northern Nash 57
58	Elizabeth City 51
67	Kinston 63
46	Fike 53
58	Hunt 53
42	Beddingfield 45
59	Rose 70
56	Northern Nash 59
61	Hunt 68
72	Elizabeth City 75
63	Kinston 76
60	Fike 66
66	Fike 66

8-17



Courtesy

Members of the varsity basketball team are **FRONT:** Joey Griffin, Reggie Barnes, Darrell Powell, Keith Evans, Calvin Fitz, Vincent Harris, Sherrod Barnes, and James Avent. **TOP ROW:** Coach Gerald Costen, Ernie Suggs, Kelvin Brinkley, Herbert Boddie, Jerome Smalls, Tyrone Pride, Ernie Griffin, Michael Earl, Anthony Dupree, Tracy Moskovik, Tom Bruno, Bernie Capps, trainer



K. HICKS



On the move, senior Anthony Dupree attempts to lay the ball in

Enjoying the sports column, several Rocky Mount fans would rather read the newspaper than watch the Northern Nash cheerleaders, or so they pretend



Going for the reverse layup
Junior Ernie Griffin skies for
the two

Girls weather the storm

The girls basketball team was not the elite team of yesteryear, but they were never referred to as quitters. "I think we have done well this year considering the size of our team," Coach Judy Bradshaw said. Bradshaw was assisted by Coach Jackie Costen.

The girls opened strong against Southwest with an impressive win by a ten point margin. Eastern Wayne also went down in defeat when they met the Gryphons in an exciting one-point win. After this strong start, the Lady Gryphons went into an unexpected slump to drop seven consecutive games. "The disadvantage of having six players is that there isn't any depth on the bench, which means that if two of us get tired, only one can rest," junior guard Joylette Whitaker said. The girls were short on lady power, but they had plenty of heart and pride in themselves. They played every opponent to the best of their ability, but suffered close defeats on many different occasions. "Ms. Bradshaw did a great job of getting us in shape, because she knew we were going to have to be in top shape to compete with other teams that had a long bench," sophomore Sharon Allen said.

The Gryphons picked up their heads and got back on a winning note against Wilson Hunt with a 36-45 final tally. Unfortunately, the Gryphons fell to Northern Nash on both

meetings, but once again the absence of the bench was felt which played a major role in the outcome of the games.

The girls unexpectedly made it through the

"One advantage of having six people is that we work together and a common goal may easily be established between us."

— junior Joylette Whitaker

first round of the play-offs to down Kinston 43-51 to advance into the second round match with arch rival Northern Nash. This would stage the third clashing of the season between the intense rivals. In disappointment, the Gryphons fell again to the helm of the Knights 45-32. "Free throws were really the difference in the game," Bradshaw said. "We may have shot 13 for 33 from the foul line," Bradshaw added.

One must feel the Lady Gryphons will make their presence felt again in the very near future. "We will be back," junior forward Jewel Sharpe said. The girls finished with an overall record of 9-13. George C. King and Sandy Roberson.

SCORECARD

PM		Opp.
50	Southwest	40
42	Eastern Wayne	41
46	Goldboro	51
50	Eastern Wayne	28
32	Goldboro	55
70	Southwest	33
46	Beddingfield	57
59	Greenville	61
41	Northern Nash	64
50	Northeastern	53
49	Kinston	54
48	Fike	56
46	Hunt	36
40	Beddingfield	51
46	Greenville	28
51	Northern Nash	64
39	Hunt	38
46	Northeastern	45
46	Kinston	50
41	Fike	50
51	Kinston	43
32	Northern Nash	45
	9-13	

R Parks



Strutting her stuff, junior Jewel Sharpe puts two in the face of a Northern Nash opponent



Going for the hoop, junior Jewel Sharpe concentrates in hopes of scoring

R. Parks



Courtesy

Members of the girls basketball team are **FRONT ROW:** Danielle Hannon, Paula Aycock, and Joylette Whitaker **BACK ROW:** Coach Judy Bradshaw, trainer Denise Wiggins, Sharon Allen, Sabrina Lewis, Jewel Sharpe, Sabih Hamad, and trainer Andrea McNair

A little bit of heart

"The girls basketball team is usually practicing while we are and from my second point of view they give 100%," sophomore cheer-

"We have no stars on this team. They all pull together.

—Judy Bradshaw

leader Beth Tyler said. "We started out the season with nine players, and as we progressed we lost members. Currently, we are down to six players," junior Jewel Sharpe said. The Gryphs have fought an uphill battle all year, but, they have done it with class and

guts

"We give 100% in all our games and although we have lost a lot of games, we have never given up on ourselves," junior Joylette Whitaker said. Because the girls team is so small they have to practice with the girls team from Edwards, junior Jewel Sharpe said. "We have no stars on this team. They all pull together," Coach Judy Bradshaw said.

Posting a dismal 9-14 season, the girls have not let it affect their fighting spirit. "We are going out our last game and fight to the end," junior Joylette Whitaker said. Sandy Robertson

"Hmmm, now this is the way to watch the game, this young spectator must be thinking



R Parks



Looking for the open women, senior Sabrina Lewis keeps her pivot foot



R Parks



J. Vaughan

Concentrating on the basket, junior Jewel Sharpe shows perfect form in her delivery

Making the in-bounds play, junior Joyette Whitaker awaits a teammate to come to her aid

Concentrating on her free-throws, senior Sabih Hamad prepares to release the ball

Looking for teammate Sabrina Lewis, sophomore Sharon Allen prepares to pass the ball



A. Davis



K. Hicks

'Kids will be kids'

"I feel like our team has grown to be like a family because we have played together since junior high. Our chemistry is good," sophomore Alex Brown said. We ended with a 15-3 overall record and an 11-4 conference. "Coach Rushing is quiet, but he gets his point across,"

Our chemistry is good.

— Alex Brown

sophomore Latimore Taylor said. This combination of closeness guided by a fatherly figure proved to be a success.

The highlight of this season was the win over Northern Nash High School. Sophomore Mike Mabry sank a field goal with .03 seconds

Keeping his eye on the ball, sophomore Latimore Taylor hopes to add two to the score.

Sophomore Mike Mabry attempts to fill the hole for two

to go to win a hard-fought game for the Gryphons. "I felt kind of good after making the shot. It gave me inner satisfaction that all the hours in practice paid off," sophomore Mike Mabry said. "I definitely felt the pressure but am glad the shot went." Mike Mabry added about his shot. "I felt we were going to win. We practiced situations like that. You could say that Destiny prevailed," sophomore Latimore Taylor said.

"I think that the key to our success was knowing how to handle pressure situations," sophomore George Batts said. "Making the transition to coaching at Senior High is not that different . . . kids will be kids," Coach Rushing said. It is true that Coach Rushing's debut as J.V. basketball coach has been a success. Sandy Roberson and Ken Hicks

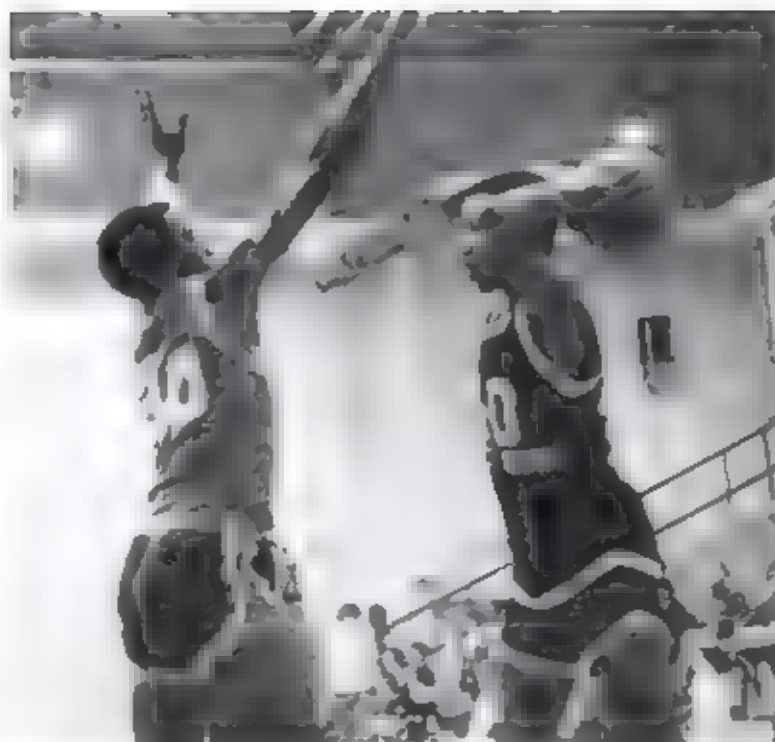


Members of the J.V. basketball team are **FRONT ROW:** Shelton Grant, Wilbert Cherry, Lamont Warren, Cornell Pitt, George Batts, Ebert Davis. **STANDING:** Tracy Moscovic, Johnny Bullock, Mike Mabry, Pete Davis, Tony Coley, Tony Brown, Alex Brown, and Tom Bruno.

SCORECARD

RM		OP
48	Southwest	42
47	Eastern Wayne	45
58	Goldsboro	66
63	Eastern Wayne	21
61	Goldsboro	55
61	Southwest	57
50	Beddingfield	65
57	Rose	44
52	Northern Nash	51
48	Elizabeth City	60
63	Kingston	57
73	Fike	58
48	Hunt	38
57	Beddingfield	72
71	Rose	40
52	Northern Nash	51
48	Hunt	68
61	Elizabeth City	66
57	Kingston	54
43	Fike	74

12-8



Looking for an opportunity to gain an assist, sophomore Latimore Taylor looks for the open man.

Pulling up for a last-second chance to beat Northern, sophomore Mike Mabry releases the ball in traffic.

K. Hicks

K. Hicks



The few, the proud

"Wrestling has meant a lot to me this year.

It makes you feel proud to be on a winning team," junior Matthew Westcott said.

"We only had a couple of wrestlers, but their quality was good."

— Coach Stan Bastian

We have achieved many of the goals we set for ourselves at the beginning of the year, senior Greg Thorne said. "In a lot of ways we have matured," he added. The Grappling Gryphs fared well this year, boasting five individual champions and a 12-3 overall team record.

Fielding a small team over the '84 season, the Gryphons often had to forfeit many weight classes in dual meets. "If you consider that we generally had to forfeit three weight classes every time we wrestled (18 points), we did very well," junior Mike Webb said. "We only had a couple of wrestlers, but their quality was good. In fact, I felt that we should have been represented in the state playoffs in at least seven weight classes instead of only one (Cedric Mercer)," Coach Stan Bastian said.

Ced finished tenth in the state, he added.

In wrestling, high schools are not divided into classes. The states are open meet. In this light, Cedric Mercer and the rest of our grapplers represented Senior High in the finest tradition. Sandy Roberson and Ken Hicks

Practicing long and hard hours, Senior High Grapplers prepare for their next match.



K. Hicks

Wasting no time, senior Jesse Whitaker shows his opponent who's in charge.



K. Hicks



SCORECARD

RM		OPP
26	Wilson Hunt	30
50	Wright Pike	25
48	Kimble	20
36	Northeastern	40
45	Northern Nash	10
36	Greenville	20
34	Bedford	30
34	St. Andrew	30
30	Hunt	30
54	Northern Nash	40
52	Goldsboro	25
52	Edinboro	35
50	Goldsboro	34
	Overall 6-2	
	Conference 5-2	



Concentrating on his next move, sophomore Otis Anderson stays in control of his Goldsboro opponent

Being a good sport, Coach Stan Baslian shakes the hand of the defeated Goldsboro opponent



Abandoning all hope, Goldsboro's number 7 is manhandled by junior Joe Battle



The members of the wrestling team are **FRONT ROW:** *Melvin Hinton, *Sylvester Harrison, *Matthew Westcott, *Mike Webb, Rodney Alston, Rodney Smith **SECOND ROW:** Thomas Bynum, Jesse Whitaker, Joe Battle **THIRD ROW:** *Otis Anderson, *Greg Thorne, *Cedric Mercer **TOP ROW:** John Sharpe (* denotes individual champion)

Leaders of the pack

Leaving the coaching scene after achieving much success were former head football coach Walt Wiggins and former head basketball coach Reggie Henderson.

Coach Wiggins led Gryphon football to five conference titles and a trip to the state finals.

"It was just time (to retire from coaching)."

— Walt Wiggins

Coach Wiggins has been a real influence in my life both on the field and off," all conference defensive end Lamont Wiggins said.

Coach Wiggins was the kind of coach who commanded his team's respect. I guess it was partly because you were in awe of his knowledge of the game," added senior John Brantley.

Coach Wiggins left Rocky Mount a "class" football program with a winning tradition.

It was just time (to retire from coaching). I will admit that I miss the games on Friday nights and the association with the players but those feelings are all just a part of retirement," Coach Wiggins said.

Coach Hen," as Reggie Henderson was affectionately called by his basketball teams, retired from high school coaching after winning two state championships and seven conference titles in his nine years of coaching. Coach Hen combined his mastery of basketball with a strong desire to win to form a quiet but successful coaching style.

"Coach Hen knew his stuff. He was a great coach," senior Micheal Earl said.

Coaching was nice but retirement has allowed me time to spend with my family that coaching took away. It gives me a new freedom. Coach Henderson said.

"Coach Hen knew his stuff. He was a great coach."

— Michael Earl

Not enough can be said about the coaching staff RMSH has had under coaches Walt Wiggins and Reggie Henderson. We wish both coaches, Walt Wiggins and Reggie Henderson, the success that followed them in their coaching careers to carry over into retirement. Sandy Roberson



K. Hicks

Guests of Coach "Hen's" retirement roast are George McClain, Fike's head coach Harvey, Reggie Henderson, Northern Nash's B.T. Dunn, M.C. Pat Patterson, NCSU's Head Coach Jim Valvano, and Jaycee President John Fason.



Courtesy

Laid back, Coach Wiggins reads a notice in Coach Hen's office.



Talking over "coach talk" are NCSU's Jim Valvano and Coach "Hen" at a roast for Coach Henderson.



Receiving a plaque for his 100th football victory is Coach Wiggins at the school's awards ceremony

Courtesy

Courtesy



K. Hicks

Waiting for his students to get dressed out, Coach 'Hen' tries to be patient

After finals competition, bands line up on the field for the presentations of awards



Bands break ranks following the awards presentation to congratulate each other in the MBA tradition



LW GN



Rocky Mount puts on a show to beat the band during finals as the crowd looks on with awe

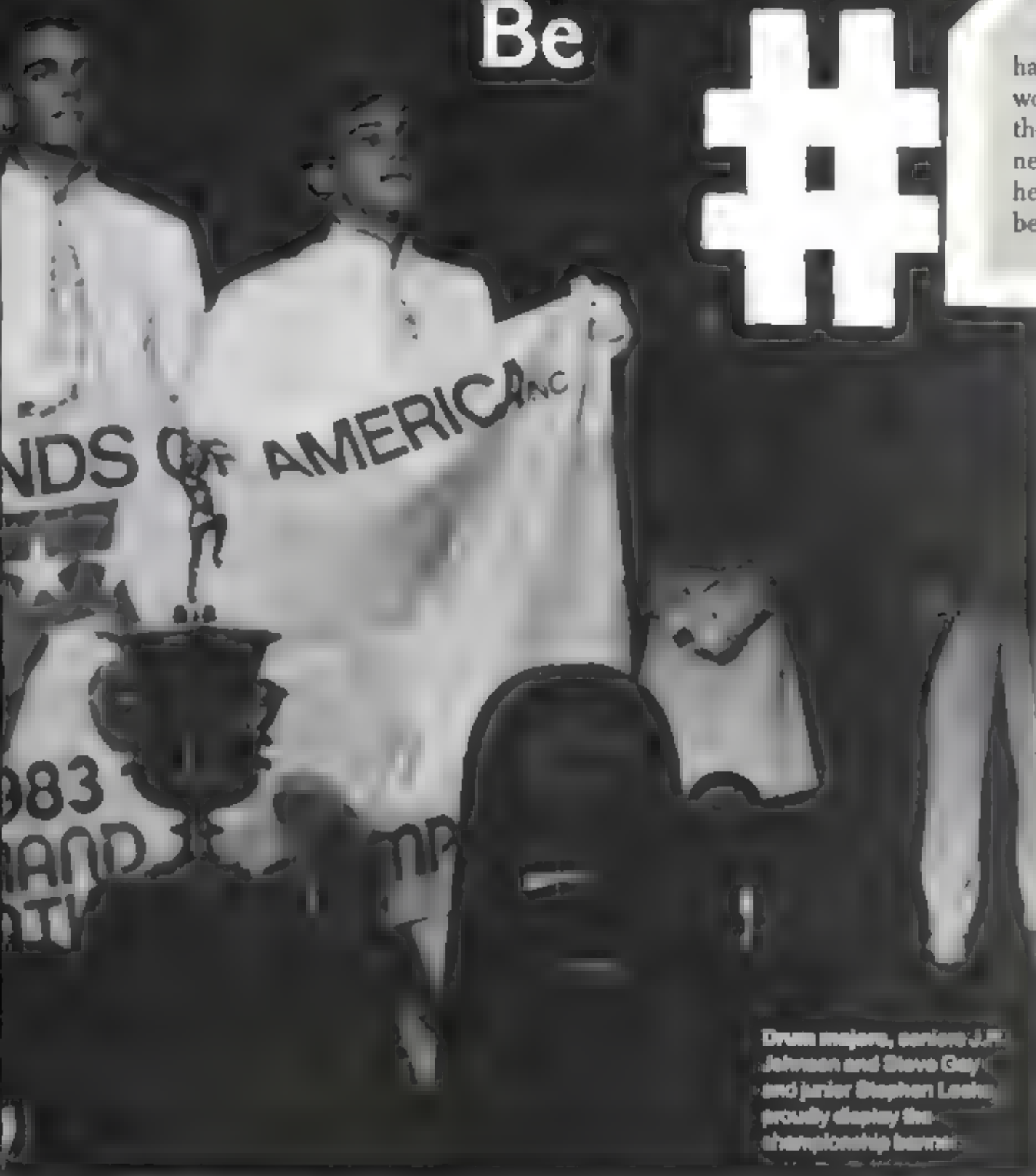
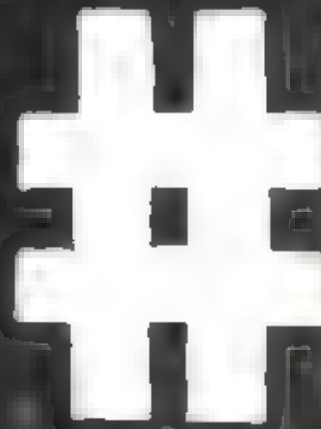
Experiencing the thrill of victory, junior Donna Nevius and senior Neal Lucas show their excitement



LW GN

LW C

Rocky Mount Dares To Be



Drum majors, seniors J.R. Johnson and Steve Gay and junior Stephen Lakin proudly display the championship banner.

G. Szalma



They came . . . They saw . . . They conquered. One hundred and sixty strong, the Marching Gryphons traveled to Johnson City, Tennessee with a dream. That dream was to capture the national championship which had eluded them thus far. They had come too far to turn back; they had worked too hard to leave the job undone. So they marched onto the field of the East Tennessee State University mindome with their heads held high as they had done only twice before at this same place.

"As the time approached for us to compete, I felt as though I was ready; but I was sad because I knew this would be my last performance. I felt like we were going to win because we were all psyched up," senior Robin Dunbar said.

The annual Marching Bands of America Grand National Championship is considered to be the most prestigious of all marching band competitions. This contest features some of the best bands from several states across the nation. Some of the bands had competed against Rocky Mount before, while others knew of them by reputation only or perhaps not at all.

Rocky Mount's previous eleventh and sixth place rankings behind their major opponents were only a memory fading fast. The loud cheers of 250 parents and alumni who had accompanied the band from Rocky Mount were a lonely echo against the massive walls of the mindome.

"As we were standing there to march onto the field for the performance, I noticed a great intensity and it must have been contagious because we all had it," sophomore Ann Chowning said.

The high intensity of the performance brought the crowd to its feet. There was no echo this time, however — only a roar that demonstrated the crowd's response.

As that brisk November 5 evening came to an end, there was not a person present who did not know Rocky Mount. They had won awards for the best flags, the best brass and woodwinds, the best general effect, and they had earned the highest score ever in the history of MBA (92.75). The Marching Gryphons were the best band in the nation. They came . . . They saw . . . They conquered. Dorothy A. Batts and Jeff A. Bullock.

Stacked in our favor

"Belonging to a unit gives an individual responsibility, opportunity, and pride," junior Ramev Astin said. The theme of unity epitomizes the squad. "I have really enjoyed cheerleading . . . because I have made some really close friends," junior Elizabeth Cooper said.

The cheerleaders have undergone several projects including being "secret pals" to the varsity football and basketball players. Each "secret pal" provided candy and goodies to her special players before each game. We paid for those goodies out of our own piggy banks—that added to our feeling of involvement in each team's success," junior Katurah Hartley said. Among the other achievements of the squad were being voted "Best All Around Squad" during the summer cheerleading camp at Peace College. Perhaps the biggest mark of success was

their ability to fire up the crowd at pep rallies and games.

"We've all gained fond memories and spe-

" . . . I started to realize how much I'm going to miss being a part of the Gryphon spirit."

— Jennifer Yelverton

cial friends we will never forget," Alicia Johnson and Paige Clayton agreed. To a close-knit squad, the graduation of senior members is a difficult experience. "My last year as a cheerleader has been the best. I started to realize how much I'm going to miss being a part of Gryphon spirit," co-head and senior Jennifer Yelverton said.

Adviser Helen Nicholson said, " . . . they are all outstanding young women as well as fine cheerleaders."

J.V.

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The squad is very spirited, and we have
some great times together," sophomore Rebecca Garrison said. The baby Gryphon cheering squad has expressed the qualities of closeness and spiritedness.

Sharing good times with close friends provided J.V. with a familiarity of one another that was reflected by the squad's performance in competition. J.V. placed first in competition in their division at Chapel Hill's International Cheerleading Foundation summer clinic.

This squad will make some fine varsity cheerleaders," adviser Katie McGee said. Sandy Roberson



Cheering on the varsity, the varsity cheerleaders hope for a Homecoming miracle against Kingston.

Let's say the new team may best put out
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Members of the JV squad are: Rebecca Garrison
 Kim Bunn Polly Winstead Joy Salenger Beth Tyler
 Sharon Pittman Sally Edmundson and Amy
 Winstead



R. Parks

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Members of the varsity cheerleading squad are Paige Cayton
 Suzanne Dix, Jasma Evans Jennifer Yelverton Angela Franklin
 Elizabeth Cooper Katurah Hartley Kim Sturdevant Alicia Johnson
 Melody Dickens Katherine Fisher and Rainey Astin



R. Parks



R. Parks



J. Bradshaw

Boosting the morale of the student body is senior
 Suzanne Dix during a pep rally.

Going over a winning routine, JV Amy Winstead
 concentrates on her next move.

Talking over matters, the varsity cheerleaders plan a
 pep rally in the afternoon sun



R. Parks

ORGANIZATIONS

"The atmosphere at Rocky Mount Senior High is one of warmth and mutual respect. The student activity program is important to the student body, the faculty and the community. The functioning of a strong student government and the rapport between students and faculty are strong features of the program," the Southern Association Visiting Committee stated.

Organizations were a major part of student involvement. There was a club for everyone: **FHA/HERO**, for those students interested in home economics; **JETS** for those students pursuing engineering careers; **Good Sports**, for those promoting school spirit; and many other clubs that fit the wide span of student interests. **Jennifer A. Yelverton**



Courtesy



R. Parks

...ing to keep things
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A. Brown

As members of Good Sports and Phalanx, seniors Tiffany Inman, Tracey Sutton and Caroline Exum contribute much time during the week of Homecoming.

Members of HOSA take time
for a little fun and
recreation at Sportsworld.

NHS: Striving to serve

“I pledge myself to uphold the high ideals of the National Honor Society, to build a strong character in myself and others, to further the advancement of scholarship, to carry aloft the torch of leadership; to serve my school, my community and my country in the interest of humanity.”

These words rang out as students pledged their vows while being inducted into the Wita A. Bond Chapter of the National Honor Society. “The tapping is always special, it is an experience I’d like other people to enjoy,” senior Mary Margaret Brake said.

Serving the community was a major goal for

NHS. Students helped set up and take down the Bloodmobile which was held at First Presbyterian Church. “Helping with the Bloodmobile is a good opportunity for us to get involved in a community service project which we haven’t been exposed to before,” senior Chantal Matkin said.

NHS members sold raffle tickets to raise money for a devoted member of the staff, night custodian Raymond Dawson. Dawson had a triple addition to his family . . . triplets! This was another method of serving the community.

NHS also performed services for the school. Members managed the indoor garden which

added to the appearance of the main lobby. NHS members also planted dogwood trees at various locations on the yard to help beautify the outer appearance of the school.

Giving scholarships was another important service of NHS. Members sold candy to raise money for the scholarships, which were given to two deserving members of NHS.

The American Legion Auxillary presented NHS with a certificate of appreciation for its community services.

“I have enjoyed being in NHS, it has given me a chance to help the Red Cross Bloodmobile and perform services for my school,” senior John Sykes said. Jennifer A. Yelverton



D. Sazama

Giving NHS members the run-down of upcoming events, Chief Marshall senior Steve Gay uses his authority conducting a regular meeting.

Working diligently at her desk is the new sophomore adviser Linda Taylor who also assists Mrs. Betty Hardy and Mrs. Suzanne Sifford with NHS.



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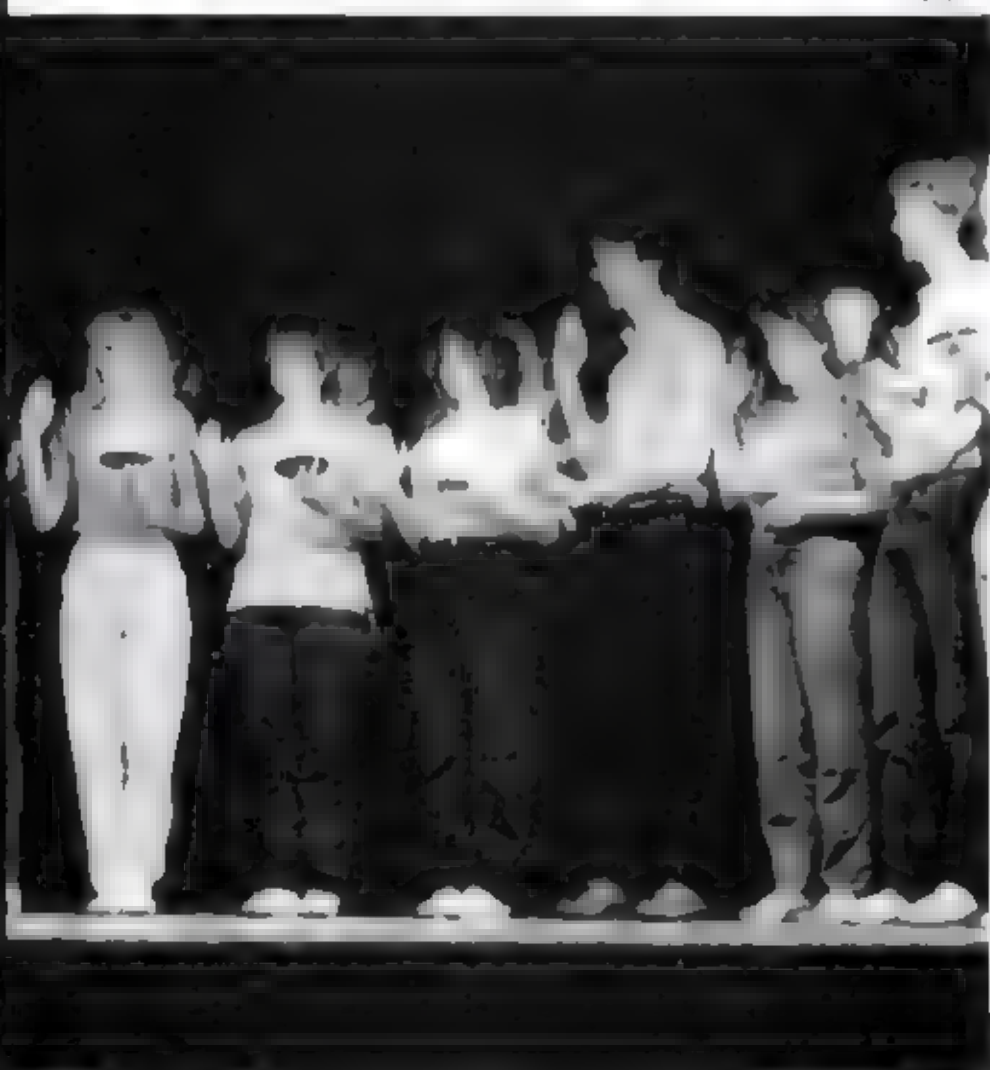


Pledging their oath to uphold the high ideals of NHS, new members are sworn in at the annual tapping held last spring.

making his contribution to the Dawson triplet Christmas fund, senior Chauncey Williamson buys a raffle ticket from senior NHS member Dorothy Batts.



Baker



D. Szrama



NHS members are: **FRONT ROW** Martha Shannon, Surene Dix, Mary Margaret Brink, Holly Funk, Dorothy Batts, and Mollie Rosenbloom. **BACK ROW** Steve Gray, David Mullins, Joe Norris, Jeff Gown, Jon Ratchford, and John Sykes.



FRONT ROW Charla Matkin, Kim Harrington, Paige Clayton, Jesma Evans, Jennifer Yelverton, and Leigh Church. **BACK ROW** Mary Larmody, Kim Pierce, Dana Hedgepath, Tam Brown, Julie Kotzke, and Jenean Coppedge.



Drawing up the Bloodmobile schedule for NHS are seniors Charla Matkin and Paige Clayton.



Jets members are FRONT ROW Bill Dunn, Sharon Armstrong, Jesma Evans, Darrell Leonard, Wendy Joyner, Chantal Matkin, and Linda Hobbs. BACK ROW Jewel Sharpe, Suvr Matney, David Wynne, David Multus, John Johnson, Sam Watts, and Cary Robidou.



FRONT ROW Zena Howard, Vicki Johnson, Sam Woodley, West Riddox, Jake Parrott, and Bert Irving. BACK ROW Ray Battle, Rita Tucker, Lloyd Hinnant, Doug Edgeworth, Tommy Bennett, and Carter Edgeworth.

Counting their profit, senior Zena Howard, sophomore Rita Tucker, and junior Jewel Sharpe collect cans for the JETS club to stay in good standing as a member.

JETS club officers are Chantal Matkin, Lloyd Hinnant, Bert Irving, Jesma Evans, Wendy Joyner, and Linda Hobbs.



JETS give encouragement and motivation

The Junior Engineering Technological Society, advised by Mrs. Diane Dixon, met every other Monday. The purpose of the JETS club was to give encouragement and motivation to students who were interested in engineering or related fields. The club consisted of 26 members who had to collect aluminum

cans to provide funds for the club and also to stay in good standing as a member.

The club also held projects and competitions that were in some way related to the engineering field. Some competitions that were held were the mousetrap and the paper airplane contests. The members seemed to

enjoy the club. "It's a great club that offers you the opportunity to get experience in the application of engineering concepts," senior vice president Lloyd Hinnant said. Meetings often included speakers and a time for the members to discuss items of interest with each other. **Jeff A. Bullock**

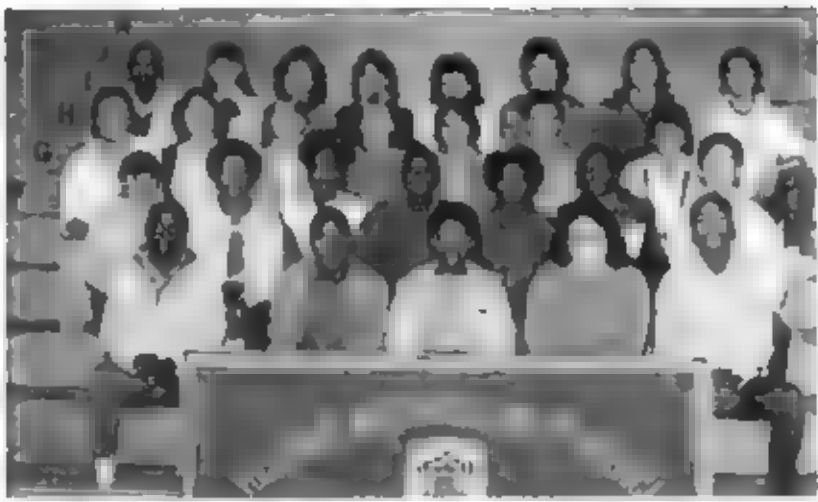


J. Baker



Second place winner. The JETS club robot won second place in the annual homecoming parade.

During the homecoming parade, JETS members Linda Hobbs, Jewel Sharpe, and Wendy Joyner lead the other members.



VICA members are FRONT ROW: Kenneth Battle, Vincent Pittman, Roslyn Bowden, Kim A. Pierce and Tom Fox. SECOND ROW: Karen Wallace, Tanya Arrington, Tammy Bynum, Dorothy Battle, Patricia Evans, Anthony Johnson and Brian Hall. THIRD ROW: James Price, Susan Barwick, Teresa Adams, Sheryl Adams, Jennifer Outlaw, Danni Grier and James Sutton. BACK ROW: Tim Hicks, Tracey Oglesby, Tammy Woodard, Denise Pate, Laura King, James Webb, Edward Parker and Mike Johnson.



DECA members are FRONT ROW: Scott Eagles, Jen Lynch, Patrice Barnes, Savannah Wiggins, Tanya Weaver, Annie Smith, Marlicia Batts, Bar Williams and Greg Burt. SECOND ROW: Robena Robbins, Fortia Garraway, Carol Williams, Byron Home, Chris Hayes, Angela Franklin, Tammy Daniel and Cassandra Cherry. THIRD ROW: Annie Hines, Christina Farris, Freddie Allen, Charles Garrett, Jennifer Tiller, Quentin Royster, Donna Williams and Rena Joyner. BACK ROW: Charles James, Janice Thorne, Pam Winston, Mike Williams, Melvinna Cuipepper, Sherry Williams, Robin Dickens and James Aston.



VICA officers are FRONT ROW: Sam Moore, Bob Dees, Danny Ingram and Arthur Bell. BACK ROW: Ray Peltier, Jeff Jones, James Arrington and Joseph Woodruff.



VICA officers are FRONT ROW: Carey Stahl, James Braden, and Paul King. BACK ROW: Roland Boyd, James Whisker, Joe Powell and Ray Woodruff.

Making sure everything in the window is in place, senior Robena Robbins takes one last look before leaving.



DECA officers are James Aston, Byron Home, Marlicia Batts, Janice Thorne, Sherry Williams and Mike Williams.

Vocational clubs provide memories

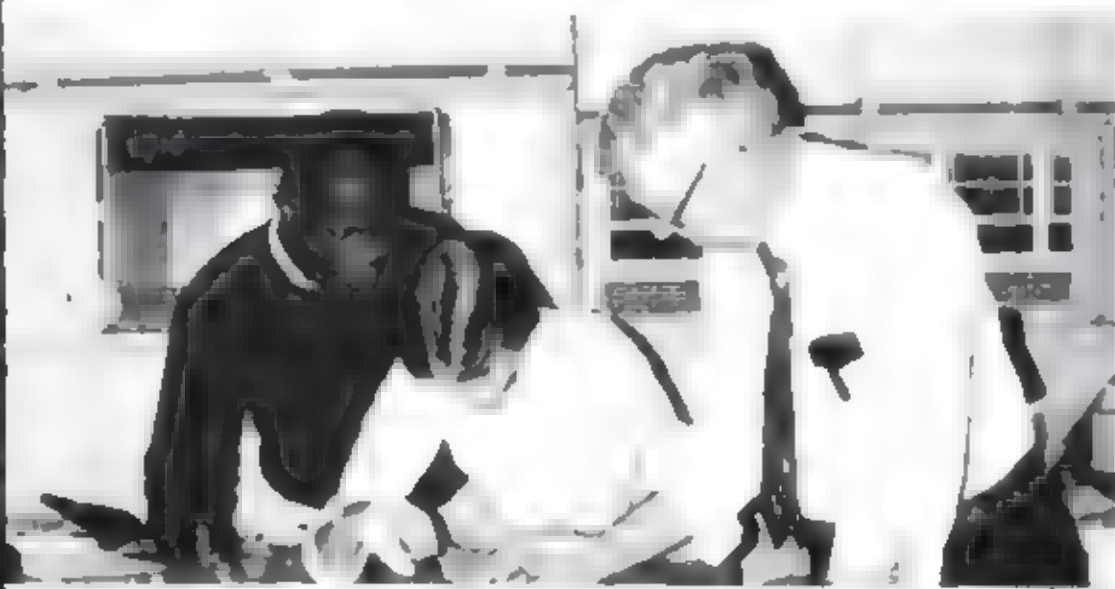
To kick off the year, the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America attended a leadership conference in Four Oaks. The clubs involved were Brick Masonry, Electrical Wiring, Auto Mechanics, and Industrial Co-Operative Training. This conference was divided into several groups: club business, motivation, officers and their duties, and public speaking. Overall, this conference encouraged unity through team participation.

DECA and VICA were designed for students to acquire a skill in certain areas of work. At the students involved in DECA and VICA

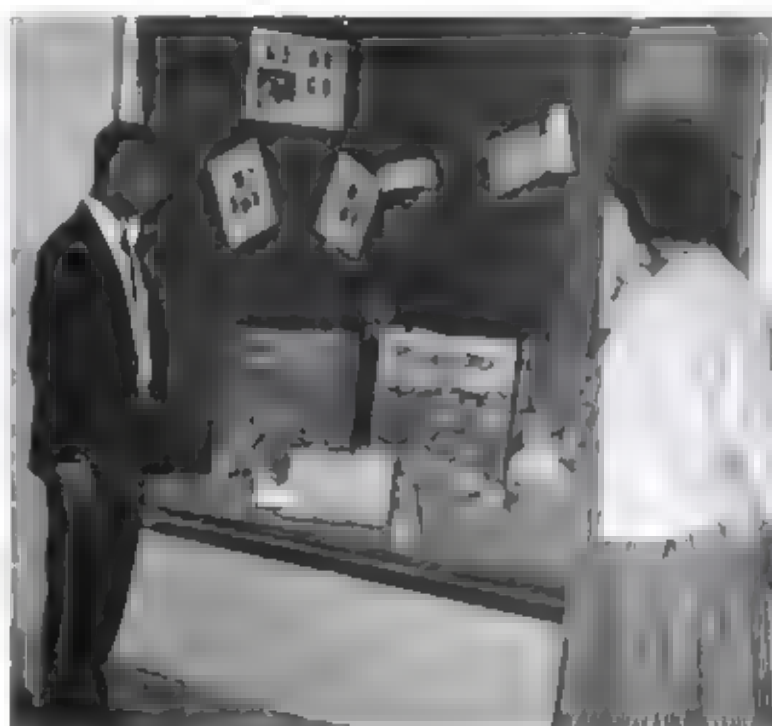
also did other things such as sponsoring fund-raising activities. Their biggest project was the selling of key chains, candy bars, and M & M's. The sale of Christmas coloring books was also a fund-raising activity sponsored by DECA and VICA. One of the smaller fund-raisers was the sale of candy sticks. The student body showed school spirit by supporting these projects. The proceeds of the candy sales went toward such activities as skill contests, an employer-employee banquet and other activities held by the VICA club.

"To me being in DE is great, but the best

part about it is being able to join the DECA club. We really had a lot of fun traveling to different schools and meeting new people. When we sold the coloring books I thought that was something different because everyone else at the same time was selling candy. My advice to everyone at RMSH is that if you ever get a chance to join DECA that you will because it will be a wonderful experience and it will prepare you for the future," said junior Gloria Hayes. Melissa D. Gardner



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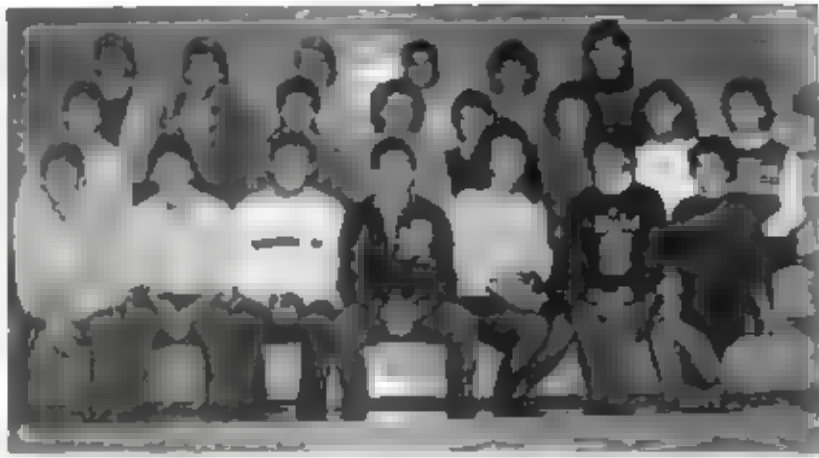
Admiring the window scene, senior James Aston and adviser Mrs. Percell try and decide upon which Christmas coloring book to purchase.

Blueprint student Greg Thorne looks on as Mr. Watkins instructs sophomore Robert Varnell what to do next.

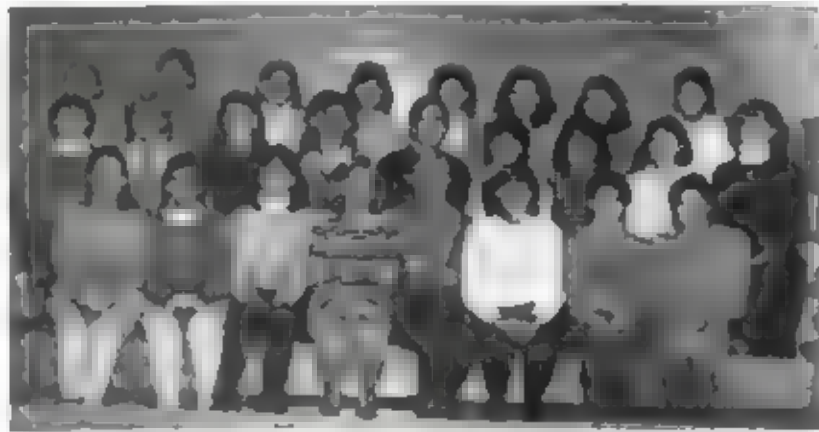


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DECA officers are FRONT ROW Tanya Arrington, Patrice Evans, Denise Paris and Jennifer Outlaw. SECOND ROW James Price, adviser Mr. Watkins, Tracey Oglesby and Jackie Pratt.



Phalanx members are **FRONT ROW** Scott Tuloss, Matthew Westcott, Roney Harris, Neal Averi, Stephanie Crofton, Ann Kemp, and Advisor Melissa Drake. **SECOND ROW** James Thann, Don Raper, Greg Ezzell, Lou Ann Oakley, Alisa Johnson, Lea Daughtridge, and Melanie Raper. **BACK ROW** Keven Smith, Alexander Hammond, Richard Verrone, Mac McAuley, Paige Clayton, and Carol Scarboro.



FRONT ROW Julia Cherry, Kim Bunn, Amy Winstead, Amy Daniel, Pam Sewell, Stephanie Overton, Kathryn Fisher, and Mark Mucci. **SECOND ROW** Cecily Watson, Fran Worsley, Beth Simmons, Jasme Evans, Stephen Locke, Beth Tyler, Polly Winstead, Elizabeth Cooper, and Carmen Coley. **BACK ROW** Joe Fish, Scott Woodcock, Connie Bradshaw, Caren Jones, Kimberly Peebles, Tiffany Inman, Caroline Exum, and Suzanne Dix.

Escorting the sophomore Homecoming queen, sophomore Phalanx member Keven Smith walks Phalanx member Kim Bunn to her seat during the pep rally.



C. Bradshaw



R. P.

Turning in their order forms, senior Caroline Exum and juniors Don Raper and Matthew Westcott crowd around as adviser Kim Shields and Melanie Raper tally up the final profits.

Phalanx enjoys successful year

"I enjoy the Phalanx club because you don't have to be an athlete or an honor student to join," senior Caren Jones said. Phalanx was a club for those who wanted to get more involved with school activities and serving the community.

Phalanx members were responsible for planning Homecoming and making it a success. Many long meetings and excellent committee work was how it all began. Members planned the Homecoming mini-parade, the presentation of the queens during the pep rally and, of course, the main court at half time of the football game. Phalanx was also in

charge of obtaining flowers for the queens and their escorts, and the cars on which they rode. Phalanx funds were low and two new advisers, Mrs. Kim Shields and Mrs. Melissa Drake, took over the club, but in spite of everything Homecoming was very successful.

Phalanx members contributed to the community by taking toys to the Salvation Army. Each member was required to donate a toy to help make some child's Christmas happier.

Phalanx members also aided the community by spending a few hours of their time helping out with the Special Olympics. "It was a very rewarding and worthwhile experience.

The children's faces would light up at the sight of a smile; they were very affectionate, and loved getting praise," senior Stephanie Crofton said.

Phalanx raised money by selling cookies which came in decorative tins. The cookies sold well to both students and adults.

You make a lot of new friends, it's fun, and all the members get involved, not just one select group. I think that each member is going to benefit from being in the club, because of the memories of good times and the overall good feeling of helping others. Junior Lea Daughtridge said. Jennifer A. Yelverton



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Setting up bowling pins, junior Matthew Wescott exerts energy while helping out with Special Olympics.



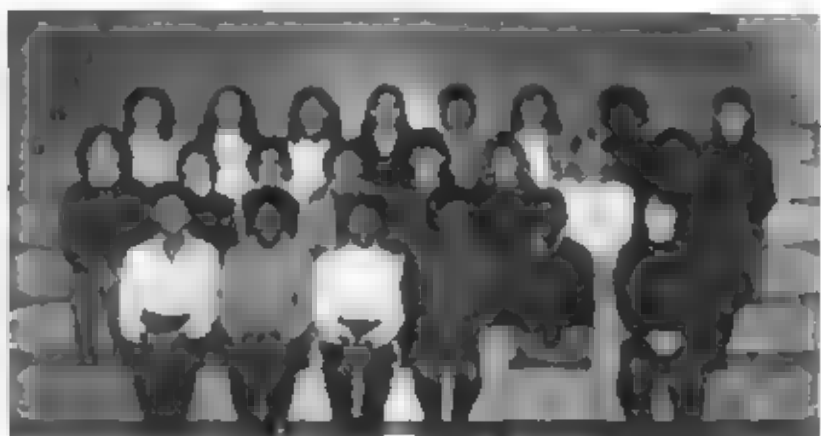
K. Hicks

Selling cookies for the Phalanx club, junior Amy Daniel goes door to door in her neighborhood trying to raise money for club projects.

Dressing up for Phalanx Initiation, new members prepare for a day of ridicule and fun.

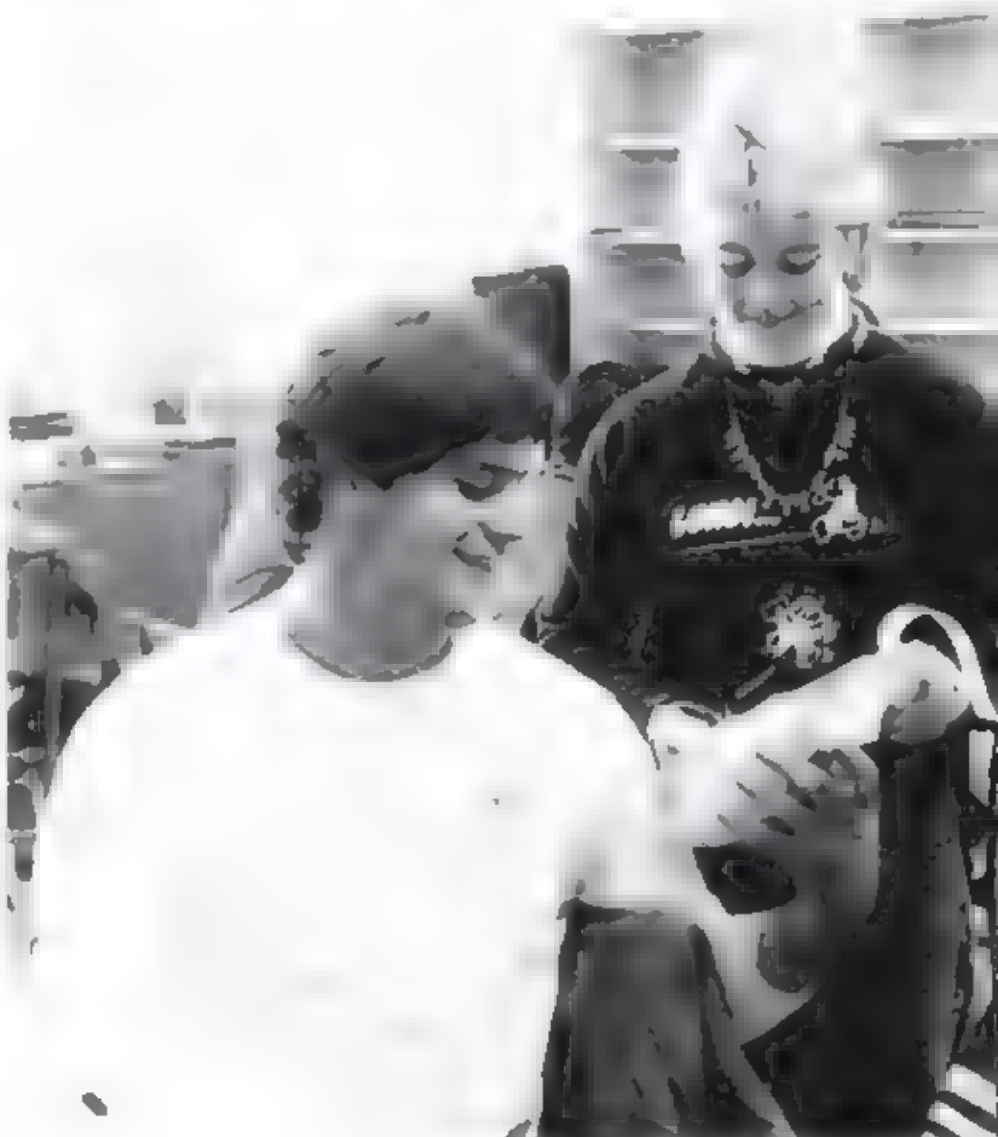


Good Sports Club members are: **FRONT ROW** Michelle Hunter, Jackie Pratt, Fontella Garraway, Sonja Williams, Kendra Arrington, Tracey Sutton, Robin Dunbar and Susan Kinchead. **SECOND ROW** Shawn Braswell, Sabrina Lewis, Angela Smith, Melody Bullock, Ben Williams, Vickie Johnson, Kim Harrington, Mary Futrell and Susan Stock. **BACK ROW** Jackie Wilkins, Ms. Tammy Wallace, Mrs. Jane Parvin and Seketha



Good Sports Club members are: **FRONT ROW** Michelle Elison, Monica Card, Tonya Grant, Petrice Evans, Troy Johnson and Carol Conway. **SECOND ROW** Coriney Greenway, Cindy Williams, Ginny Iler, Rainey Astin, Debby Dixon, Melody Williams, Lee Wimberly and Treva Davis. **BACK ROW** Donna Wilford, Simmons Harrington, Lee Doughtridge, Ms. Tammy Wallace, Mrs. Jane Parvin, Lynn Hastings, Stephanie Doward and Martha Fountain.

Good Sports Club member, senior Tracey Sutton, delivers a corsage to senior Ray Pelletiere. Over 350 corsages were sold and delivered.



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Firing up the Gryphon Machine

The Good Sports Club was off to a good start this year. Red and white buttons, sold by the club during the first week of school, proclaimed, "I love the class of 1984," "I love the class of 1985," and "I love the class of 1986." By far, the biggest seller was the button sported by the senior class.

Led by new advisers, Mrs. Jane Parvin and Ms. Tammy Wallace, club members came up with slogans like: "De-horn the Demons" and "Fight Fike," which some Gryphons

took a bit too literally in the game against Wilson.

With the help of the Art Club, club members wore screenprinted sweatshirts, the juniors in blue and the seniors in gold.

This active student organization took orders for more than 350 corsages during Homecoming week. They also sold homecoming ribbons and pom poms. The profits enabled the girls to sponsor the annual athletic picnic in May as well as provide them with a Christmas party

and dinner during basketball season.

Other activities included decorating the Christmas tree in the main lobby.

"Being in the Good Sports Club was a great experience because it gave me a sense of belonging by helping out in the fund-raising activities and getting involved in other school activities," said senior Tracey Sutton. Meliss D. Gardner

Selling pom-poms, a tradition of the club at Homecoming, proves to be an easy task as senior Sabrina Lewis makes a sale to junior Susan Barwick.



M. Gardner

De-fur the Cougars," says the basketball ribbon that juniors Debby Dixon and Stephanie Doward are selling to junior Carter Edgeworth



Sources

Decorating the Christmas tree in the main lobby is another task that seniors Michelle Hunter and Fontella Garraway, and junior Debby Dixon enjoy



M. Gardner



M. Gardner

Pinning ribbons before each game is a necessary task, but senior Fontella Garraway, junior Debby Dixon and senior Kandria Arrington find it a fun one



Cabinet members are **FRONT ROW** George King, Denise Harris, Jesma Evans, Zena Howard, Tonya Weaver, Vicki Johnson, and Sharon Armstrong. **SECOND ROW** Rod Batts, Dawn Davis, Lori Gupton, Sharon Gunter, Antonio Fox, Sharon Allen, Kendra Arrington, and Donna Washington. **THIRD ROW** Dorothy Batts, Lamond Wiggins, "Spanky" Harper, David Multnix, Neal Lucas, and Patricia Harris. **BACK ROW** Tonya Grooms, Scott Tulloss, Mac McAuley, Peyton Joyner, and Terri Overby.



FRONT ROW Lynn Butler, Katherine Wiggins, Kim Kirk, Pam Sewell, Stephanie Overton, Melody Bullark, Wanda Aiston, and Sandra Powell. **SECOND ROW** Stan Handesty, Dan Jones, Sherry Andrews, Mary Feltwell, Ben Williams, Ernest Batts, Steve Gay, and Jeff Miller. **BACK ROW** J. K. Kirby, Missy Maude, Rhonda Wilson, Sam Watts, J. R. Johnson, Lucas Lucas, and Frank Whitehead.



Putting the finishing touches on the SRA bulletin board is senior Ben Williams.



Welcoming new teachers to the school, social committee member, junior Sherry Andrews, gives a carnation to the new algebra teacher Timmy Tucker.



Cabinet members pay close attention, as President George King discusses the agenda for the next SRA meeting.

R. Aston

SRA: On top of it all

"A lot of students don't realize the work that SRA does, but if you get a chance to see behind the scenes, we really do work hard," senior Lamont Wiggins said.

Students seldom stopped to think who planned the TWIRP dance held each year, or who managed the magazine sales, our annual money making project, or who organized the Brotherhood assembly. These tasks seemed small to most students, but to SRA members they were very important projects. Finding an available DJ for the TWIRP, collecting money and issuing prizes during the magazine sales, letting a pep rally approved by Mr. Watts

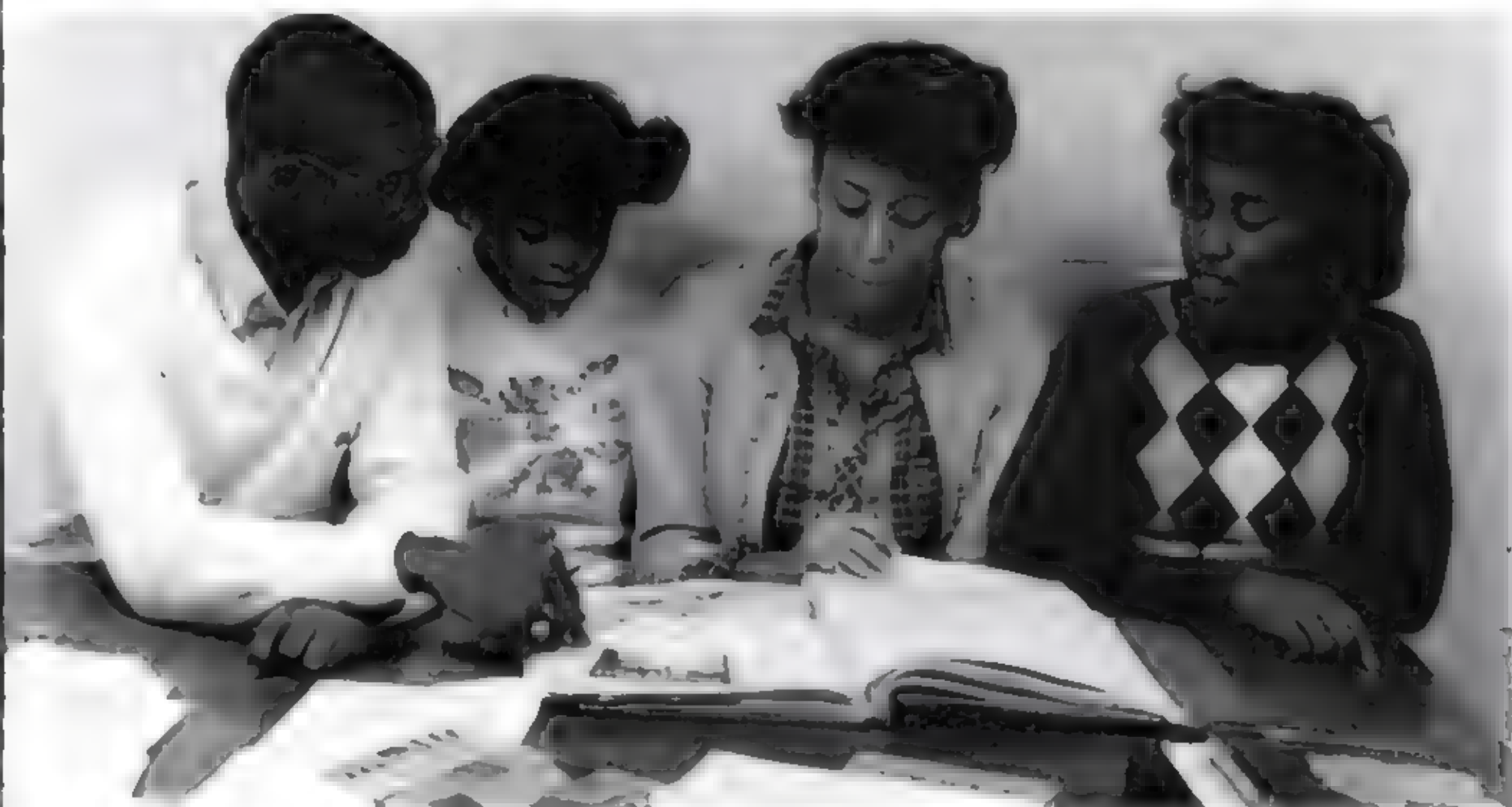
and planning an interesting Brotherhood assembly were all responsibilities of SRA members. "It is very rewarding to work and participate in SRA," senior Vicki Johnson said.

I think the main function of SRA is to promote student involvement and to voice the likes and dislikes of the student body," SRA president George King said. The present system allowed many students to get involved in SRA, as a homeroom representative, a cabinet member, or a member of one of the 20 committees.

Zena Howard, George King, and Steve Gay attended the State Convention in Reidsville.

People with the same interests about student council get together and share experiences. You also get a chance to make many new friends," senior Steve Gay said. On October 29 SRA sponsored the Division 5 workshop. Student councils from around the district got together and shared ideas about student involvement, school spirit, and fund raising. Steve Gay was elected Division 5 chairperson at Hunt High School last spring.

"I feel that SRA is a good organization and it gets the job done. I hope to one day be president of SRA," sophomore class president Ron Hamm said. Jennifer A. Yelverton



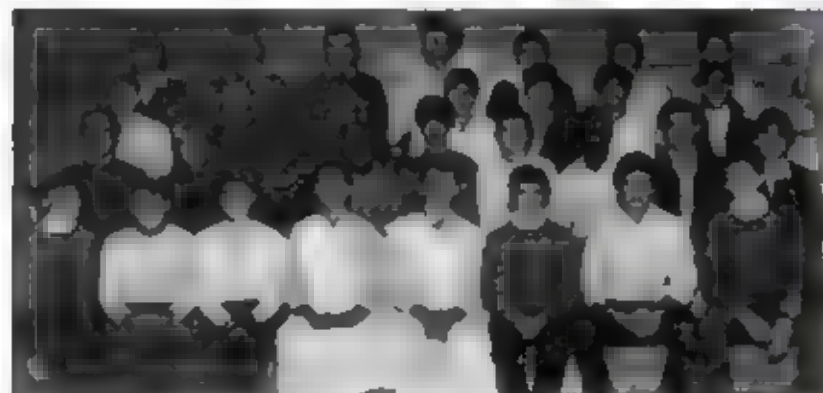
J. Moore

Viewing the award-winning scrapbook are SRA officers: George King, president; Tonya Weaver, vice-president; Zena Howard, secretary; and Vicki Johnson, treasurer.



In the spirit of Thanksgiving, SRA members Vicki Johnson, Terri Overby, Zena Howard, advisers Katherine Lucas and Catherine Tedder, and Lamont Wiggins give a Thanksgiving basket to Raymond Dawson, his wife, child and newly-born triplets.

R. Parks



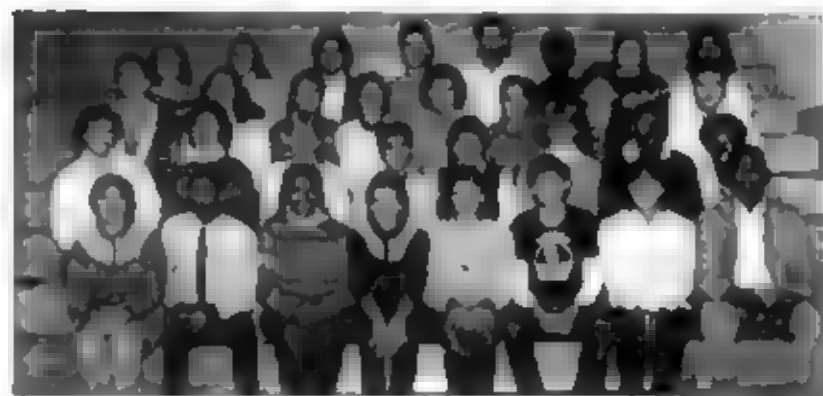
Latin club members are: FRONT ROW Cecily Watson, Tammy Sutton, Elizabeth Cooper, Mac McAuley, John Sykes, Tracey Sutton, Frank Norton, and John Patisio. SECOND ROW Stephen Locke, Tricia Progen, Donna Nevius, Monica Card, Julian Fisher, Michele Clark, Antonio Fox, Tim Crawley, and Michael Walker. THIRD ROW Kent Fie, Tony Carmichael, David Shriver, Juan Chesson, Jeff Lancaster, Wesley Fulk, and Lewis Lamar. BACK ROW: Tip Burgess, Jerry Edwards, Hank Jones, Sam Watts, Ed Lee, Keith Cornell, and James Jones.



FRONT ROW Donna Washington, Derek Leonard, Michelle Robinson, Jit Hagga, Stephanie Pale, Mrs. Nancy Jones, Tonia Grooms, Carol Scarboro, and Bert Irving. SECOND ROW Mary Carmody, Denise Cooper, Susan Todd, Chantal Matkin, Patricia Carroll, Jayne (a), Robin Sallenger, Philip Larier, Polly Winstead, and John Haney. THIRD ROW Ange Harris, Donna Lark, John Jacoby, Bridgette Mewley, Ben Lancaster, Ashley Adams, Gail Taylor, Tracey Westler, Jessica Smith, and Carmen Coley. BACK ROW George Batts, Felan Wilson, Sam Watts, Lloyd Hinnant, Reggie Alston, David Hughes, and Michael Kane.



French club members are: FRONT ROW Mrs. Ann Williamson, Jennifer Davis, Trish Nicholson, Lynn Butler, Stephanie Overton, Sherry Hendricks, Cindy Hendricks, Kathy Alhusen, and Pam Sewell. SECOND ROW Suzanne Taylor, Deborah Anderson, Holey Daniel, Joy Sallenger, Denise Wiggins, Tina Wilkins, and Tammy Wilkins. THIRD ROW Cecily Watson, Sandra Powell, Kim Kelly, Dawn Turnley, Donna Bezzie, Rebecca Garrison, and Jasna Evans. BACK ROW Melissa Sykes, Kim Bryant, Mossy Dickens, Caroline Tester, Melanie Boling, Amy Ruggiero, Anetha Moore, and Renee Thomson.



FRONT ROW: Kim Pierce, Chauncey Williamson, Dawn Davis, Marcia Kipetnick, Lea Cooper, Andy Brown, Crissie Curtis, and Robert Deans. SECOND ROW: Amy Boehm, Kim Bulluck, Lee Wimberly, Sam Etheridge, Alicia Johnson, Ariene Allen, Reggie Pryor, and Joyette Whitaker. THIRD ROW: Sandy Robinson, Simmons Harrington, Mary Alice Talley, Sally Edmondson, Lou Anne Oakley, Deborah Elmgburg, Pete Kobelmeik, and Joe Norris. BACK ROW: Amy Wiggins, Gale Sawyer, Leigh Anne Bezzie, Joe Tippette, John Day, Tyrone Battle, Kathy White, and Reginald Pryor.

Brunley SK (Bible Study King),
Words cannot express
the fun I had "offering" to
know you this
year. You are really one of
the spiciest, funniest, and
definitely, most humorous
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Looking over the carols, these French club members are ready for the meeting to get underway

Dear Brent
 Love a dear friend
 please stay in Latin club next year I wouldn't get
 along without you! And always keep in touch I'm eager to see
 what you decide to do when you leave
 Love
 Nancy Jones

French and Latin: Beyond the classroom

The French and Latin clubs, the two language clubs here, were considered by most of the students involved to be an extension of the classroom. The two clubs still focused on the learning of the language, but it was done in a more relaxed atmosphere. The clubs held activities throughout the year to make study more interesting. The clubs met after school and were made up of students who took the

language

The French club, advised by Mrs. Ann Williamson, held its largest activity during the Christmas season. They practiced singing French Christmas carols and then visited a local nursing home to sing the carols for the residents.

"Latin is the root of many languages and being in the Latin club is fun," sophomore

Michele Clark said. The Latin club, advised by Mrs. Nancy Jones, attempted to keep Latin alive with their activities. One day was designated as toga day, and the members showed up at school wearing mock Latin togas. They also held a Saturnalia, a type of party, at which the members also wore togas. The Saturnalia was a fun example of Latin culture. Jeff A. Bullock



R. Pares



K. Hicks

Keeping Latin alive, Latin club members show off their togas on toga day.

After the feast, Latin club members listen intently to sophomores Felana Wilson and Tony Carmichael as they take part in the Saturnalia.



Doing her part as a member of the family, senior Selina Luchsinger helps senior Beth Mauldin dry the dinner dishes.

At the welcoming assembly for exchange student Selina Luchsinger, seniors Beth Mauldin, Dawn Davis and Chantal Matkin tell about their summer abroad



AFS members are: **FRONT ROW:** Donna Washington, Mrs. Nancy Jones, Raney Astin, Jill Haggis, Stephanie Pate, Carol Scarboro, Cecily Watson, Jake Parrott, and Jo Tippetts. **SECOND ROW:** Miriam Dutton, Angie Harris, Susan Todd, Chantal Matkin, Carmen Coley, Bert Ervin, Stephen Locke, Mike Walker, and Jane Hamilton. **THIRD ROW:** Heggell Pryor, Melody Williams, Dawn Turnley, Sam Watts, Mike Kanis, Angel Phmlant, Tammy Sutton, Tammy Wilkins, and Lee Wimberly. **BACK ROW:** Jerry Edwards, Linda Hobbs, Felana Wilson, West Riddick, Katie Monahan, Demell Leonard, Tina Wilkins, and Lynn Hastings.



FRONT ROW: Heather Buchanan, Kathy Mosley, Denise Wiggins, Byron Horne, Antonio Fox, Dawn Davis, Zena Howard, and Tracey Sutton. **SECOND ROW:** Rebecca Gamson, Cindy Wase, Debbie Thomas, Susan Kincheloe, Susan Burch, Beth Mauldin, Selina Luchsinger, and Trish Nicholson. **THIRD ROW:** Ann Chowring, Sally Edmonson, Susanne Stock, Suvir Meisany, Tip Birgees, and Amy Ruggers. **BACK ROW:** Holly Daniel, Sam Eihndge, John Sykes, Missy Dickson, Kathy Alhuan, Kim Bryant, Melissa Sykes, and Todd Hinson.



At the AFS welcoming tea for foreign exchange student Selina Luchsinger, Mrs. Bessie Tyson and Mrs. Jane White take a moment to share a few laughs with Selina.

Forming lifetime friendships

"AFS gives students a chance to get to know people from other countries and to talk to them, it's a whole lot better than dropping bombs or shooting each other," adviser Nancy Jones said.

American Field Service also allowed students to meet people from various parts of the United States. Ten students traveled to Hinsdale, Illinois in February for the annual short-term exchange. In April students from Illinois visited Rocky Mount for some good ol' southern hospitality.

AFS members sold Florida grapefruit and oranges as their money making project. The club raised 3000 dollars, which went towards

scholarships for the summer exchange program. The students traveling abroad this summer are sophs Amy Ruggerio, and Mike Kanai and sophomores Holly Daniel and Ann Chowning. "I feel that a summer abroad will be a good opportunity to get to know different people and have new experiences that I might not have had if I hadn't been selected for the summer exchange," sophomore Holly Daniel said.

Each year AFS has hosted a foreign exchange student. Senior Selma Luchsinger was our foreign exchange student from Switzerland. Selma was a very friendly outgoing girl and very involved in school activities. She was

a staff writer for the Gryphon and a vital member of the track team.

Selma lived with Beth Mauldin and her family for a semester and ended her year with Chantal Matkin and her family.

"I like it here, everyone is so nice and has been since I first arrived. The only thing I don't like is the school system, there are too many rules. In Switzerland only the select students, the smartest ones attend high school, therefore, we have more freedom," senior Selma Luchsinger said. Jennifer A. Yelverton.



Stacking boxes of fruit, juniors Brent Kirkham and Sean Watts and sophomore Jerry Edwards spend a Saturday morning picking up the fruit they sold.

Those attending the AFS exchange to Illinois are: Sean Brady, Carmen Coley, Debbie Thomas, Nancy Jones, Beth Mauldin, Brenda Anderson, and Selma Luchsinger.



J. Yelverton

HOSA students, juniors Karen Ross and Kim Sturdivant, attend a mini-session at the HOSA workshop



K. Hicks

Trying to decide which product to use, junior Darrell Leonard displays two denim items to choose from

Keeping records straight for their JA company, senior Paul King and junior Matthew Wescott count their profits



“We are the future”

“We are the future, watch us grow” was the theme for **Health Occupations Students of America**. The theme symbolized a year of learning and progress for **HOSA** students.

“HOSA membership aids me in my future plans because it teaches me to have an open mind and to have patience with others,” junior Shoane Winstead said.

HOSA was a club designed for students interested in a health-related field. HOSA also gave students a chance to develop their physical, mental, and social well-being, as well as their leadership and citizenship abilities. “Being a part of HOSA has prepared me for situations that will develop in the future. HOSA will also prepare me for the career I wish to pursue,” senior Kendria Arrington said.

HOSA members attended the HOSA Region Three Leadership Workshop on November 10 at Vance-Granville Community College. “The HOSA workshop allowed us to attend different classes and to learn more

about HOSA and HOSA activities from other schools,” junior Reggell Pryor said.

Other club activities included hosting many guest speakers, such as Rosalie Lemieux of the Red Cross and Steve House of the Momover Rescue Squad.

Members also took part in a program called **Adopt-A-Grandparent**. “Being a part of **Adopt-A-Grandparent** taught me more about old people and caring for others,” senior Angela Smith said.

“I feel the most rewarding thing about being a HOSA member is learning to help those who can’t help themselves,” senior Melissa Smith concluded.

Another group of students that looked to the future were members of **Junior Achievement**. “JA was designed to help young people learn about free enterprise first hand,” director Chip Cherry said.

Each group of JA students was divided into companies of 30 or 35 people. These compa-

nies acted as regular companies would. They elected stockholders, a board of directors distributed wages, manufactured a product, offered a service, and created a marketing system. JA companies also produced a product. The money went towards payment of the professional staff to purchase materials, to buy rent facilities, and to advertise.

JA used the voluntary, tax-deductible contributions of local businesses and friends. To start the new year off right, JA used some of the money to fix up an old air terminal. The terminal was used as the new meeting place for JA. Several Saturdays were set aside as work days for JA members as they painted and decorated the terminal.

“JA has been a great experience, it has taught me a lot about the business world,” senior Sherry Williams said. Jennifer Yelverton.



A. Hicks



J. Yalverton

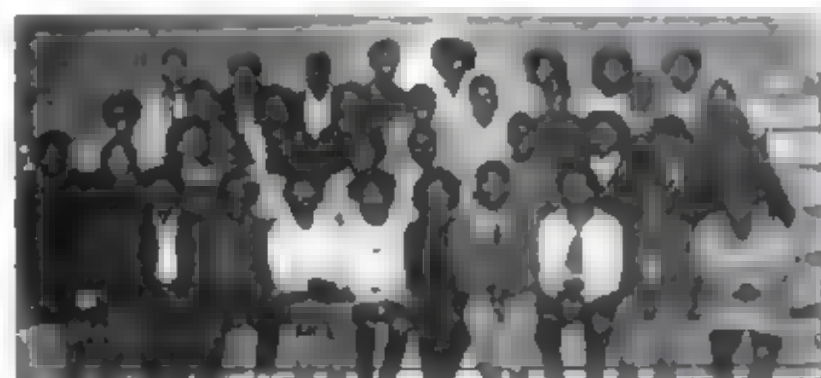
practicing on a dummy, seniors Kendra Arrington, Jan Powell, Melissa Smith, and Terri Overby learn how to carefully place a patient in bed



HOSA members are: FRONT ROW: Melissa Smith, Cheryl Mallory, Michelle Vick, Stephanie Mitchell, Shonae Winstead, Phyllis Hines, Julie Cockrell, and Maria Boone. BACK ROW: Angela Thorne, Dona Bellamy, Jackie Jones, Avery Hart, Betty Barfield, Reggell Pryor, Mrs. Margie Brentley, and Carol Conway.



FRONT ROW: Karen Ross, Lon Overton, Rhonda O Berry, Tam Overby, Kendra Arrington, and Valerie Sessions. **BACK ROW:** Laurene Odom, Michelle Hunter, Angela Smith, Barbara Cooper, Margie Federline, and Jan Powell.



JA members are: FRONT ROW: Michelle Smith, Lisa Barnes, Denise Hilliard, Michelle Vick, Latrice Lyons, Mavis Harris, Jeff Bullock, Tonya Arrington, Rudy Lane, and Mabel Hedgepeth. **SECOND ROW:** Nichelle Bridges, Lois Baker, Johanna Arietta, Pam Harrison, Laura Grant, Greg Burt, Sebastian Farmer, Medina Smith, Carol Barnes, and Jean Arrington. **THIRD ROW:** Joyelle Whitaker, Sharon Flowers, Pam Cooper, Teressa Thompson, Cleo Dupree, Thomas Fox, Vince Johnson, Teon Lane, and Randy McAlister. **BACK ROW:** Darrell Leonard, Monica Harrell, Jeff Barnes, Sylvia Lancaster, Evelyn Draughn, Angela Franklin, Wanda Charles, and Melinda Davis.



FRONT ROW: Kim McNear, Ernest Betts, Vickie Johnson, Tina Wilkins, Tammy Wilkins, Tiffany McCarter, Herbert Lawrence, and Cary Robidoux. **SECOND ROW:** Areltha Moore, Areltha Moore, Derrick Burt, Vince Johnson, Latanya McDuffie, Thomas Fox, Anthony Speight, and Melvin Mayo. **THIRD ROW:** Angela Green, Cheryl Mallory, Cynthia Cooper, Karen Summers, Troy Johnson, Tami McCortey, Ray Battle, and Ron Harsh. **BACK ROW:** Oshenwaas White, Gloria Hayes, Vivian Staton, Tonia Alford, Lisa Farmer, Chris Lynch, Tonya Thompson, Frances Thompson, and Rita Tucker.

They keep things running smoothly

It's 7:00 a.m. and your alarm clock sounds. your eyes squint as you struggle to your feet. By your standards, it is pretty early, but for a bus driver the day is well on its way.

The responsibilities of a bus driver included general upkeep of their buses as well as the burden of a great number of lives being in their hands.

Another group of students who helped the

school proceed efficiently was a large group of assistants. Being an office assistant is not always the easiest job in the world, as some students found. Duties of office aides included the writing of absentee bulletins, answering telephones, and the checking in and out of students.

Guidance aides, library aides, nurse's aides, assistant principals' aides, and various

office aides assumed responsibilities so that the school might function more effectively. Some students even offered their services as teachers' aides.

"I really enjoy being an office assistant because it gives me an idea of the techniques and the operations used in the running of a school," junior Hope Brown said. Ricky Pa



Going my way? Bus drivers are Michael Davis, Bobby Nicholson, Thomas Bynum, Melvin Hinton, Tony Gray, Anthony Gupton, Dennis Porter, William Dancy, and Ken Staton.



Checking over the master list is tedious, but a simple task for seniors Santa Battle and Jan Powell.



R Parks



R Parks

Collecting corridor passes sometimes gives an opportunity to catch up on some quiet reading, discovers senior Rena Joyner



Assistants are **FRONT ROW** Kim McNair, Emes Battle, Vicki Johnson, Tina Williams, Tammy Wicks, Tina McNair, Herbert Johnson, and Cary Robinson. **SECOND ROW** Arletha Moore, Cassandra Cherry, Jessica Bart, and Lashonda McCallie. **THIRD ROW** Thomas Felt, Anthony Speight, and Melvin Mayo. **THIRD ROW** Andrew Joseph, Sherry Mason, Lashonda Cooper, Karon Sumner, Troy Johnson, Tami McCallie, Ray Rutledge, and Ray Hanner. **BACK ROW** Orlene White, Gloria Hayes, Lisa Williams, Teva Alford, Rita Tucker, Chris Lynch, Tanya Thompson, Tia Alford, and Melina Farnie.



FRONT ROW Joseph Felt, Matthew Westcott, Denise Wiggins, Sean Hicks, Camelia Whitaker, Sarah McAuler, Deatrice Shearin, Nacresha Hayes, Fontlake Garraway, and Thomas Felt. **SECOND ROW** James Arrington, Richard Verrone, Greg Burl, Keesha Kelly, Teresa Hines, Anita James, Robin Gordon, Tyrone Battle, Kim Lewis, and Troy Johnson. **THIRD ROW** Sam Moore, Lena Battle, Kim Weaver, Sonia Merritt, Monica Richardson, Sherry Williams, Clementine Felt, Vicki Johnson, Gloria Hayes, and Vanessa Howard. **BACK ROW** Latanya McDuffie, Tracy Cotton, Dean Beabout, Sandra Cotton, Cassandra Moore, and Donna Williams.



FRONT ROW Donna Bazzie, Corinne Greenway, Rena Joyner, Sharon Fuson, Roxyn Borden, Mary Ceran, and Laura King. **SECOND ROW** Lashonda McCallie, Arletha Moore, Patricia Harris, and Donna Howard. **THIRD ROW** Sandra Cotton, Sonia Merritt, Patricia Robinson, Sherry Adams, Greg Fagraw, and Joseph Felt. **BACK ROW** Jeff Barnes, Corinne Winstead, Sandra Pope, and Patricia Barnes.



R Parks

Checking books in and out are part of the duties of Chris Spain

Expanding career goals FHA, HERO and FBLA students prepare for their future

Learning the skills of leadership and striving for success were the goals of the Future Business Leaders of America. Future Business Leaders of America is an organization dedicated to developing the qualities of business and civic leadership. It gives one the opportunity to create more interest in and understanding of American business enterprise. "FBLA has helped me develop competent aggressive business leadership. I would like to encourage more students to join FBLA because it will strengthen the confidence of students in themselves and in their work," said senior Janice Thorne.

FBLA sold M&M's, candy bars and candy sticks to sponsor a fund-raising drive. Prizes were awarded in the fund-raising drive to Aquila Harrison, Jhana Arrieta, Clementine Fox, Cheryl Culpepper, Brian Hall, Fontella Garraway and Lisa Bulluck. Aquila was the top salesperson. She won ten dollars and a large stuffed Snoopy.

The members of FBLA were involved in

state and national FBLA meetings and competitions. The money received from the fund-raising drive was used to pay for the competitions. FBLA members also attended a leadership conference in Conway, a district competitive event in Lonsburg and a vocational fair in March. "The reason why I like FBLA is because I feel that FBLA will be a good experience for my future plans. FBLA has helped me to get involved in many social and business activities," said senior Aquila Harrison.

A Christmas party and a spring banquet were held for all members of FBLA to close out the year of events.

Expanding career goals in foods, child care and family life was the objective of the Future Homemakers of America and Home Economic-Related Occupations.

"FHA is a club in which people can learn more about themselves and others. It also makes up a big part of learning about other communities," junior Reggie Jones said.

FHA/HERO participated in a variety of events such as a District Three leadership workshop at Meredith College in Raleigh and a region three FHA/HERO Leadership meeting at Athens Drive High School in Raleigh. Tanya Weaver, Jeff Moore, Melody Dicker and Mrs. Jones attended a national FHA workshop at National Headquarters in Roanoke, Virginia. Tanya Weaver was elected state secretary.

FHA/HERO sponsored a Sweetheart dance, parent banquet and a spring Picnic.

FHA was an exciting club to join. I especially thought so when we took a trip to Raleigh because it was a great adventure," junior Cynthia Cooper said.

FHA was a very nice club to join, to meet people and it was a very educational experience," sophomore Cynthia Walters said. Melissa D. Gardner.



R. Aston

Preparing for an FBLA meeting, seniors Marticia Batts and Janice Thorne discuss the upcoming candy

Boarding the van, FBLA members look on eagerly as the photographer snaps their picture. Such trips were an eagerly awaited experience by students.



R. Aston

Learning what cooking is all about, junior Reggie Jones and senior Charles Garrett prepare a dish in their foods class.



M. Gardner



R. Alston

Posing with Snoopy, senior Aquila Hamson and FBLA adviser, Mrs. Shirley Bullock show off the stuffed animal Aquila won.



FBLA MEMBERS ARE: FRONT ROW: Cheryl Culpepper, Antonio Fox, Sherry Griffin, Annette Hines, Sharlene Perry, Fontella Garraway, Sherry Parker and Stephanie Mitchell. SECOND ROW: Sue Whitington, Derrick Byrd, Marcia Batts, Evelyn Draughn and Mrs. Shirley Bullock. THIRD ROW: Donna Bass, Darren Pittman, Paul Hsi, Megan Dutton and Heather Buchanan. TOP ROW: Barbara Schiebe, Teresa Abrams, Wanda Langston, Beth Hobbs, Shane Batts and Rachelle McCall.



FBLA members are: FRONT ROW: Sylvia Lancaster, Chris Lynch, Clementine Fox, Johanna Anetta, Stephanie Richardson, Janice Thorne, Tammy Bynum, Sharon E. Faison, Lonnie Odum and Mrs. Shirley Bullock. SECOND ROW: Pam Cooper, Valerie Redd, Tammy Wilson, Aquila Harrison, Angela Green, Robin McNeil, Anita James and Mable Hedgepeth. BACK ROW: April Johnson, Tonya Arrington, Eleanor Brown, Russell Query, Lisa Bullock, Jeff Bullock, and Renee Esom.



FFA members are: FRONT ROW: Charles Garrett, Tanya Weaver, Melody Dickens, Shaeley Draughn, Samuel Moore, and Jeffery Moore. SECOND ROW: Joan Adams, Sonya Williams, Marionette Dickens, Medina Smith, Jacqueline Staggers and Shirley Barnes. BACK ROW: Cynthia Cooper, Karen Sumner, Cheryl Battle, Dewanda Vick, Cynthia Waters and Mable Hedgepeth.



HERO members are: FRONT ROW: Ronda Gentry, Rhonda Fields, Jhana Arrington, Nichelle Battle, Evelyn Draughn, Shannon Winstead and Brian Pittman. SECOND ROW: Dennis Parker, Tonya Smith, Lois Burnette, Cynthia Freeman, Kellin Edmonson and Wanda Langston. BACK ROW: Bobby Nicholson, Gerie Jordan, Michael Davis, Tamatha Davis, Tonya Jones, Sharon White and Dorothy Braswell.

"Thirty-one highly competent educators representing the several disciplines, service and management areas of secondary education spent one and one-half days in the school. They had an opportunity to talk with all members of the faculty and administrative staff, with a sizeable number of students and with some patrons. They were privileged also to observe the school in operation during one full day. A report of findings and conclusions deriving from a faculty self-study served as a valuable resource for the Committee.

Members of the Visiting Committee were very favorably impressed by the pleasant atmosphere; the excellent rapport that existed among all students, faculty and administration; the dedication that was so apparent among the teachers; and the programs that are being provided for the youth of Rocky Mount. All are viewed as indispensable elements of a good education program."

— Southern Association of Colleges and Schools



courtesy

Cramming for a last-minute assignment, senior Eilreda Vick concentrates on memorizing details

Art teacher Karen Thompson, along with student Lisa Barnes, search for just the right watercolor for their project



C Bradshaw

Paying attention to the directions is the most important part of the task, instructs Mrs. Faith Lehman



K. Parks

Amused, Lisa Sevens, Ann Batchelor and Aquila Hamson review letters to Santa they, as Santa's elves, will answer in Mrs. Ruggiero's Business and Technical English Class

Winners of the annual Voice of Democracy contest are juniors Katurah Hartley first place, and Nichelle Bridgers, second place



D. Szama



1984: Oldspeak vs. Newspeak

George Orwell's book, *1984* has caused us to take a closer look at the English language and how it affects us, both in our daily lives and in government. Orwell predicted that the English of his day would become a political tool rather than a common link in communication. The new form of English was called Newspeak (in contrast to Oldspeak or standard English)

For example, words like excellent and superb would no longer exist in Orwellian society. They would be replaced by "plus-good" and "doubleplusgood," completely ridding our language of the color and diversity it now contains. That would be "doubleplusgood."

Newspeak was in *1984* a means of maintaining conformity. Today, there is a form of Newspeak among students; however, the objective is to rebel against conformity. The Party slogans, "War is Peace, Freedom is Slavery, and Ignorance is Strength" were the main paradoxes of the novel. As the word "bad" is used today, in many cases, it does mean good. Of

course, that is merely a slang interpretation but how close are we to *1984*?

When a student says "I'm going to the crib to get GQ for the jam," what he really means is, "I am going home to get dressed up for the dance." When one describes someone as being "casual," chances are he means "cool" or "laid-back" — not simply leisurely. The word awesome no longer has the same impact, it usually is defined as "out of sight."

1984 has had phenomenal impact on the way we interpret the English language and society in general. For that reason, it has been placed on sophomore and senior reading lists as a study in British literature. Shakespearean drama was a subject of concentration in Advanced Placement English and English 12X.

Continuing a tradition started last year by Mrs. Deborah Kincheloe's 12th grade class, students in Mrs. Ann Ruggiero's business and technical classes played the role of Santa's elves. They answered letters to Santa from grammar school kids. **Dorothy A. Batts and James B. Tharin.**



R. Alston

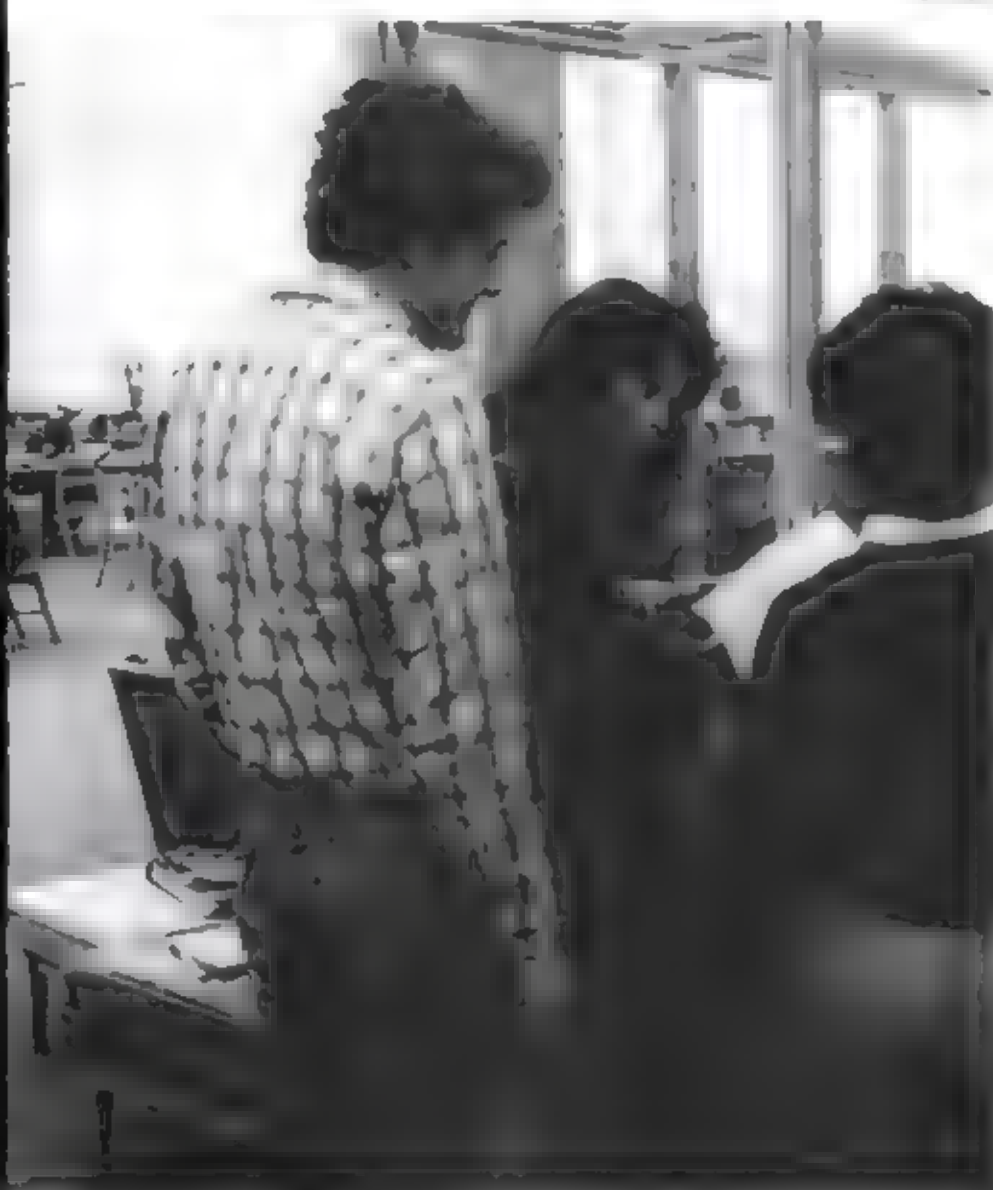
Preparing for a test, sophomore Bill Dunn crams for a 1984 test in homeroom



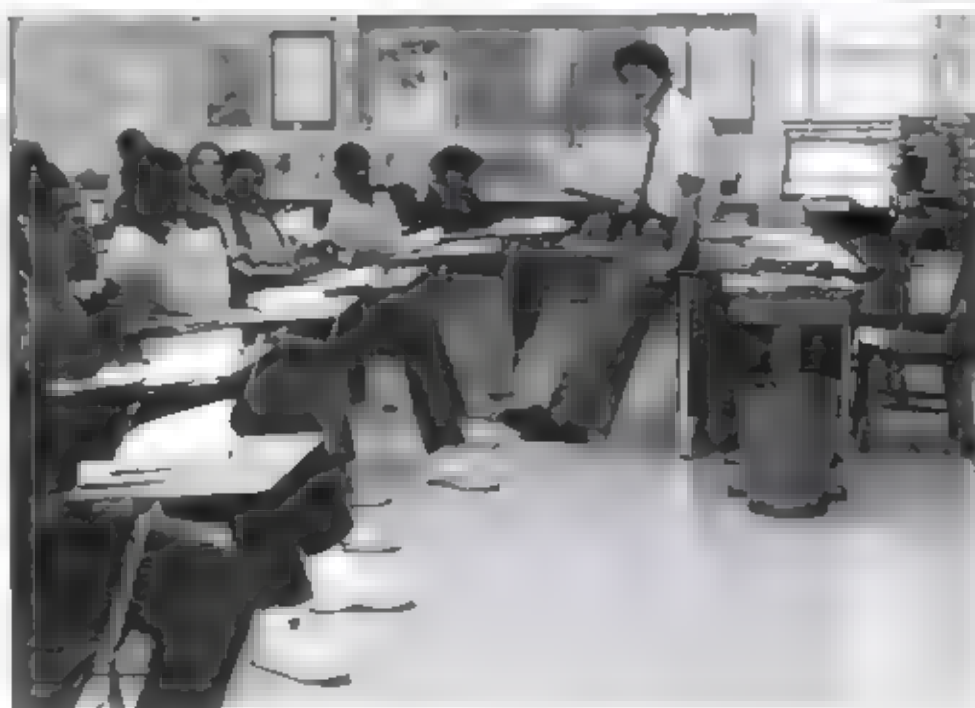
"There were two basic reasons why man came to America: the search for gold and religious freedom," explains Mrs. Chris Wiggs.



R. Boseman



J. Moore



R. Boseman

Leaning against his desk, Mr. Jack Young answers a student's questions about the lesson.

Explaining a fine point in the art of research, Mrs. Catherine Tedder helps seniors John Morehart and Ben Williams locate materials for their term papers.

Delving into the past

In this highly technical nuclear age, even teenagers feel the need to understand man's history and development. As a result, the numerous and varied social studies courses at Rocky Mount Senior High were filled with enthusiastic students.

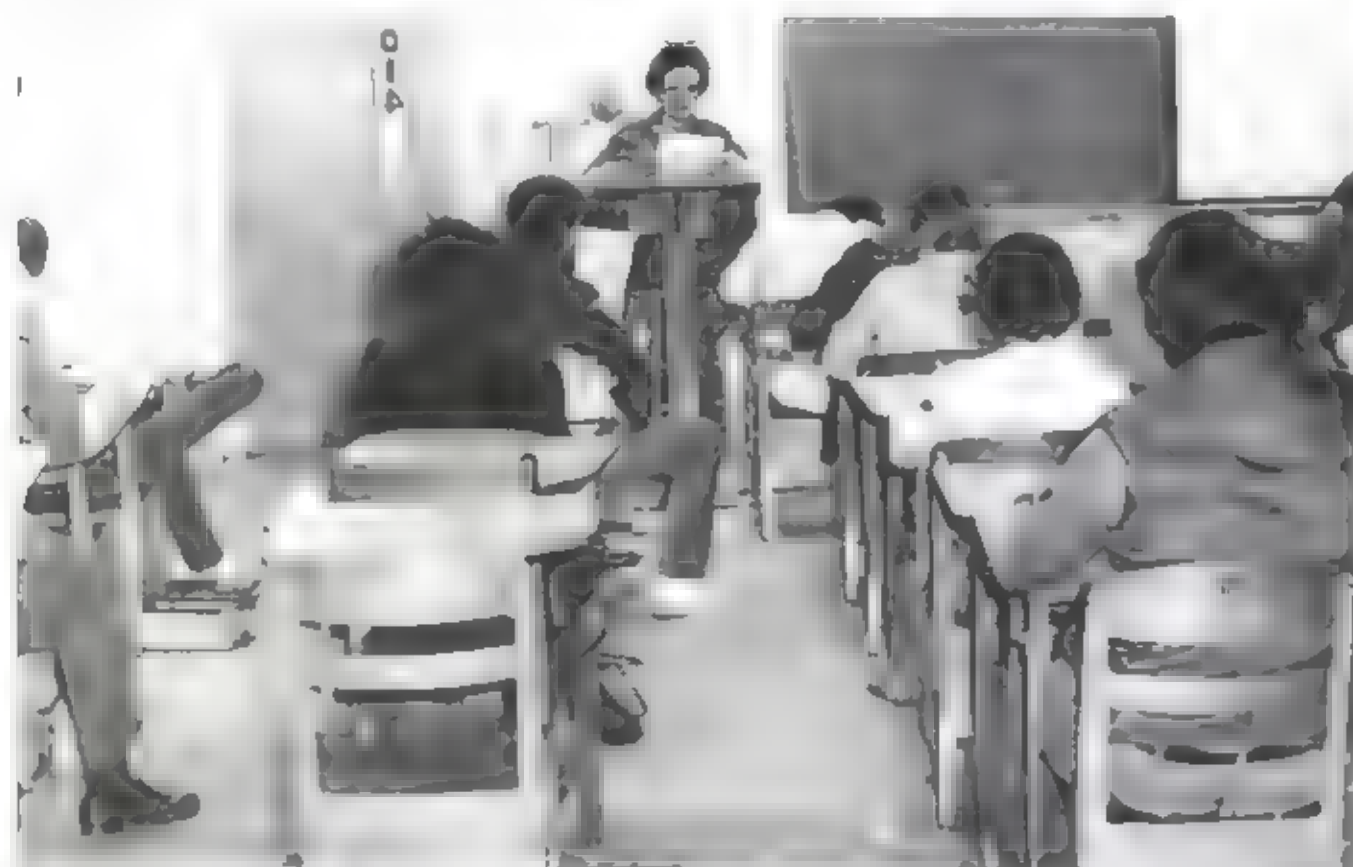
Students kept in touch with the world around them by watching the news as well as by reading newspapers and news magazines. Radio, and television both played a role in informing us of past events and in giving us an insight into our world today. In classes, we

related our past to the present through reading and class discussions. We were shown the possibilities that exist for a well-informed person.

We were taught to ask why things occurred and how we as individuals are affected. Whether it was in the required American History or the elective World History, whether it concerned economics, politics or international affairs, we were gaining knowledge vital to our role as voters and leaders of tomorrow.

James B. Tharin

As the day comes to an end, Mrs. Elaine Rose assigns weekend homework.



Going over a previous test, Mrs. Susan Dollar answers her students' questions.

As Mrs. Deborah Wilson reviews eighteen weeks of notes, students listen attentively.





Just back from an Onslow County Indian dig, Dr. Thomas Loffield, UNC-Wilmington professor, speaks to Mr. Vann Cullis' World Studies classes. Mr. Cullis and Dr. Loffield talk to sophomore Larry Lancaster about his summer at a dig in New Mexico.

Taking time out from a class lecture, Mrs. Cauda provides individual help for students.



R. Alston

Math: The common denominator

Remember reciting those dreaded times tables in third grade? Well, you've come a long way, Baby! From simple multiplication to the intricacies of Algebra, you managed to retain your sanity and to discover a new world of facts and figures.

About her Algebra II/Trigonometry class, junior Lisa Bulluck said, "The most challenging aspect is learning the new ways of doing problems you learned in elementary school because you never thought there could be so many different ways in factoring one binomial."

The most rewarding aspect of Algebra III/Trigonometry/Calculus is finally "seeing the light" on an impossible problem, senior Kim

Harrington said.

Beyond the two years of math required to graduate, there were offered many advanced math courses ranging from Algebra II to Calculus. Practical math, competency math, applied math and consumer math were among classes suited for everyday living.

"My applied math course will better prepare me for Algebra next year," sophomore Walt Mercer said.

"It's most fun to do. I like the challenge," sophomore Shirley Barnes added.

No matter what the age, grade, or interest level, math held something for everyone. Dorothy Batts and Mary Futrell



J. Moore

Discussing polygons, algebra teacher Joyce Colwell draws diagrams for her students.

Senior Roderick Davis uses math by figuring the cost of graduation announcements.



J. Moore



Juniors find Mrs. Dixon's algebra class a challenge.



Working diligently, senior Tim Bynum does his work with supervision of algebra teacher Carol Taylor



"And this is how you complete this theorem," explains geometry teacher Martha Lewis



Listening carefully, junior Rainey Astin watches algebra II teacher Gay Mullinix explain a problem

G King

Seniors Jon Layton and Chauncey Williamson and junior Dana Harvard examine their calculations while junior Mac McAuley is fascinated by the residue in his test tube.

Intriguing her students with the aspects of chemistry, teacher Ellie Doyle shows junior Clay Wagner and senior Vicki Johnson the importance of ionic bonds.



Alchemy in action

Sophomores were once again introduced to the horrors and delights of dissection, while juniors struggled to complete their chemistry lab books five minutes before they were due. Seniors in Physics could be found studying work and force with admirable interest. All in all, the science curriculum continued basically the same in the 83-84 school year.

Probably the most dreaded aspect of Science was the LAB BOOK. Students could be seen with the drab colored composition book by their sides at the neighborhood Hardees at lunch. Others struggled during the first five minutes of class, jotting down figures and formulas. Some took a friend's chemistry book

home the night before and were eager to hand it in.

Nevertheless, science was a requirement for some, a delight for others, and a necessity for admission to college. Without the teaching abilities of Elsie Doyle, Julia Kron, Gay Mullinix, Tammy Wallace, Sue Ford, Melissa Drake, Barbara Storr, and Bob Hudkins, the courses would have not been possible.

The experiments are what I like the best. It's a change from last year," said sophomore biology student, Fran Worsley.

Lab books are a pain," commented sophomore biology student, David Thorpe. Connie T. Bradshaw.



C. Bradshaw



J. Bullock



November

J. Moore

In man's exploration of space, key people like those from NASA help explain the findings of major missions to future scientists and technicians.

Senior physics students, Martha Bandy and John Brantley, measure weights for their physics projects.

Monkeying around with Xavier remains a favorite activity of students in Mrs. Sue Ford's anatomy class.

Getting into mint condition

Physical education, required for graduation, was for some a way to let out frustrations through a good game of volleyball and for others a requirement. That was simply why they took it.

The period usually began with a change in the locker room, warm-up exercises, and a choice of volleyball, basketball, football track, and badminton. Incidentally, the ping pong table was nowhere to be seen. Just how physical can you get with ping pong anyway? For some the most challenging part of P.E. was the "dreaded mile," especially in 100 degree weather. Senior Melanie Raper commented, "I'm glad it's over with."

One new addition to the P.E. curriculum was Aerobics, originally taught by seniors Melanie Raper, Connie Bradshaw, Mary Alice Tilley, and Coach Judy Bradshaw. Most

of the students found it to be quite a work-out and not as easy as it looked.

Some looked at dressing out as a chore while others looked forward to the thirty-five minute recess. Fifty-five minutes minus twenty minute dressing.

Sophomore Mary Alice Tilley said, "I don't like having to change clothes, but I guess I would not want to exercise in the same clothes I wear to school."

"It's an easy A," said sophomore Donnie Bobbit.

Senior Donald Jenkins said, "It's good for your physical body."

Junior Cassandra Silver said, "Gym is very physical and helps to relax your muscles when you're tired and broken down." Connie T. Bradshaw.



Basketball coach Judy Bradshaw gives the "dresser" a few pointers on shooting the ball.

Courtesy





J. Moore

Ready for a goal, these fifth period gym students choose basketball as their sport during the thirty-five minute recess

Going up for the lay-up, Andre Cherry stretches to sink the ball



J. Moore

Coach Reggie Henderson and Junior Pete Kobielnik lead the third period dressers in the warm-up exercises

Taking note of who is dressed out, sophomore April Johnson assists the coach in the everyday routine of taking roll



C. Bradshaw



C. Bradshaw

They laid it on the line

Putting in the many hours, sometimes neglecting other things, looking over copy and layouts until the wee hours of the morning. That was all part of being a member of a journalism staff. Though these people did not put their talents on the field or on the court, **Gryphon** and **Hi-Noc-Ar** staff members laid their talents on the lines. Last year's **Gryphon** and **Hi-Noc-Ar** adviser, Mrs. Henrietta Barbour, resigned shortly before school started which added to the pressures of being on the journalism staff. "Although we went through a major change and a traumatic experience a week before school began, I still think we adjusted real well, and we are all extremely pleased with the outcome this year," **Gryphon** editor Jeff Vaughan said.

Mrs. Jo Ann Trevathan took over the **Gryphon** staff which worked hard to put out a newspaper every three weeks. The paper covered community and school events and also featured a sports and entertainment section. The **Gryphon** and **Hi-Noc-Ar** were both financed by the selling of ads to community businesses while the **Hi-Noc-Ar** also depended on the sale of the actual book to students, teachers, and community offices for additional funds.

The **Hi-Noc-Ar** was taken over by Mrs.

Debbie Kincheloe. The staff had problems such as a small, inexperienced staff and not selling enough ads but finally the pieces came together. Although problems plagued the staff all year, they still got their work done. "Yearbook work can be extremely tiring," said senior George King, "but when the book comes back, the good feeling is worth the price." Members of both publications often found the work to be a physical and emotional challenge but, in the end — very rewarding.

The **Gryphon** and **Hi-Noc-Ar** members found a little time to be themselves, however. They had a party at Mama Jeans during the Christmas holidays. This party provided an opportunity to put aside the pressures for a while. Some members also attended a workshop in Raleigh while others went to the Southern Interscholastic Press Association Convention in South Carolina. This was a learning experience for all those involved. The Quill and Scroll society was also connected with the journalism classes. This was an international society exclusively for journalism students. Quill and Scroll members were: seniors Jeff Bullock, Dorothy Batts, Kathy Mosley, Susan Slock, and Elizabeth Smith. **Dorothy A. Batts and Jeff A. Bullock**

Second year **Gryphon** members are: Jeff Vaughan, editor; Susanne Slock, ad manager; Rod Batts, sports editor; Elizabeth Smith, managing editor; Kathy Mosley, copy editor; Reggie Alston, photographer; Gowin, business manager; and Andy Brown, photographer.



C. Brown



D. Kincheloe

Quill and Scroll members are: seniors Dorothy Batts, Susanne Slock, Kathy Mosley, Elizabeth Smith, and Jeff Bullock.

Second year Hi-Noc-Ar members are: Dorothy Batts and Jeff Bullock, editors; Susan Kincheloe, business manager; Jennifer Yelverton, copy editor; Connie Bradshaw, academics editor; and Damian Szama, chief photographer, first semester.



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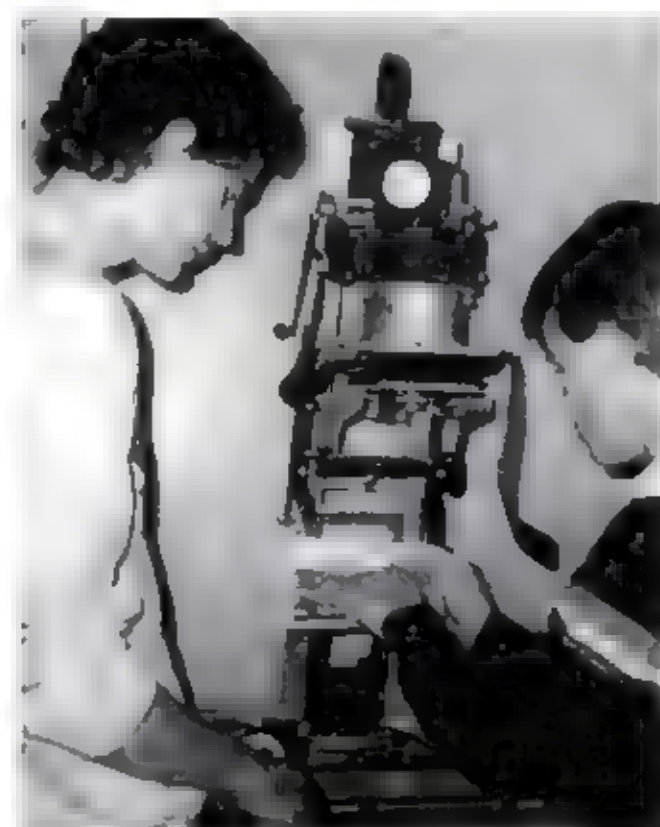
C. Bradshaw

Gryphon first-year members are: Amy Ruggiero, Donna Williford, Richard Verrone, Ernest Suggs, West Riddick, Jake Partott, Rainey Astin, and Elizabeth Cooper.

Discussing the merits of a more sophisticated, commercial enlarger, photographers Jody Moore and Ricky Parks realize that their machine may just be a real antique.



J. Bullock



J. Moore

HI-Noc-Ar first year member are: Sandy Roberson, Ken Hicks, Ricky Parks, Jody Moore, George King, Robert Deans, Heather Buchanan, Mary Futrell, Tracey Sutton, Melissa Gardner, Jill Baker, James Thann, and Cindy Bailey.

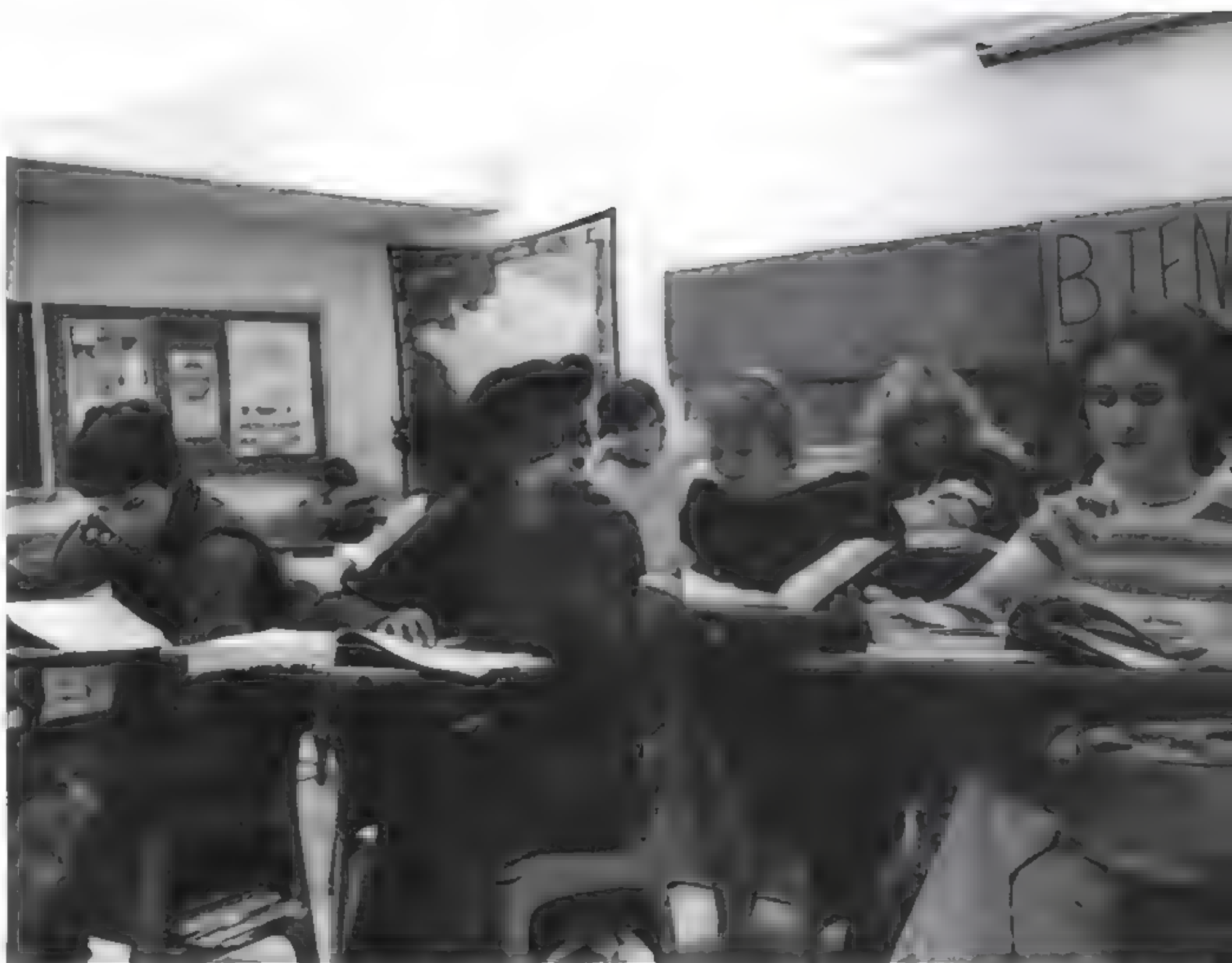
Doing their duties, HI-Noc-Ar editor Jeff Bullock (left) and Gryphon editor Jeff Vaughan (right) spend time looking over papers in the privacy of the staff offices.



D. Sazama



C. Bradshaw



Bienvenidos! Students in this French class have the right atmosphere with foreign maps and words on the wall of the classroom

During her first period class, Mrs. Jane Parvm takes a moment to talk with the students before she begins the lesson



Languages narrow cultural gaps

I enjoy learning Spanish and I plan to continue to take Spanish in college," senior Cheryl Henke said. Students elected to take a foreign language in order to understand the cultures of other countries or to gain admittance to a college which often required a student to have two units of a foreign language. Some students wished to become fluent in a language while others just wanted an understanding of a language. For whatever reason, the three languages offered here had a good number of students in each level. The lan-

guages offered here were Latin, taught by Mrs. Nancy Jones; French, taught by Mrs. Helen Nicholson and Mrs. Ann Williamson; and Spanish, taught by Mrs. Jane Parvin and Mrs. Suzanne Sifford.

I want to further my knowledge in the Spanish field and become fluent in the language," junior Roney Harris said. Other students just liked the idea of knowing another language. "I enjoy Spanish as a whole. It is a change and challenge for me," sophomore Willet Rountree said. Jeff A. Bullock



Courtesy

Students in Mrs. Ann Williamson's French class look at their assignment while she reads it to them.



R. Parks



Bullock

Spanish teacher, Mrs. Suzanne Sifford walks around the classroom as she talks with her students in Spanish.

Preparing to hit the pinata, senior Jeff Bullock ties the blindfold around sophomore Michelle Thorne's head as other students in their fifth period Spanish class watch.



Looking over a program, Mrs. Godwin and seniors Diane Hardy, Cheryl Henke, Jimmy Webb, and Stephanie Crofton work during their computer class

Getting acquainted, senior Reid Price uses a book to learn how to operate the computer



demonstrating a program, junior Chris Zack gives presentation to the rest of the class



J. Baker

Increase in computer interest

Computer operations expanded in August to meet the increasing demands of the 1984 society. In new and greatly improved facilities the classes were able to operate smoothly. The computer courses offered were Data Processing, Computer Programming I and II and a semester course in Computer Programming. Computer instruction was also incorporated in existing business courses. Anyone who stayed after school could see a number of students and teachers working with the computers. The computer teachers, Mrs. Joan Godwin, Mrs. Evelyn Jenkins, and Mrs. Barbara Pierce shared their skills with students and teachers alike.

Everything is turning towards computers so some knowledge will be beneficial, senior Terri Banes said about her computer programming class. "I have run programs that I never thought were possible," junior Thomas Bulluck said.

In order to program a computer, you must think logically and in a sequential order, so even if I don't go onto a computer program as a career, it will help me in other fields," junior

Shawn Bethea said.

One enjoyable aspect of computer programming has been working with friends for a common goal," junior Dana Harvard said.

I enrolled in Computer Programming because computers are so popular this day and age and I think it would be impossible to live in society or go to college without some knowledge of how to use one," senior Denise Cooper said. Perhaps going to college would not be entirely impossible, without computer knowledge, but it certainly would be advantageous to have a word processor help with those hundreds of term papers or to know how to use a computer for any business you may be involved with.

At any rate, 1984 is here. It is not quite the automated, non-individual world that Orwell portrayed in his novel. Individual instruction, the worth of each student, and the concern of instructors remained characteristics of computer education in our school. With the increasing interest in computers, the courses should continue to expand. **Jeff A. Bullock**



J. Baker



J. Bullock

Executing a program, junior Sharon Noell works through her lunch period to get ahead.

Working in the office, senior Joe Norris, an assistant for Mrs. Evelyn Jenkins, uses the computer.

They mean business

Business classes are important, not only to the student who plans to be a secretary or work in an office. They are important to any person desiring to enter any phase of business — whether with a large company or as an entrepreneur. Skills and ideas learned and mastered in business courses at Rocky Mount Senior High will prove to be beneficial throughout a lifetime.

Typing students did endless exercises to limber clumsy, stiff fingers, gradually learning to make flying motions as their speed increased to sixty words a minute.

In accounting, complexities of finance became clear as each young bookkeeper toiled to make debit and credit columns balance.

Shorthand students realized that each

scribble on the chalkboard actually stood for a real word and began to understand what once were obscure hieroglyphics.

In this technical and informational society a knowledge and understanding of computers is essential to survive in the business world, and this year's computer students had a head start.

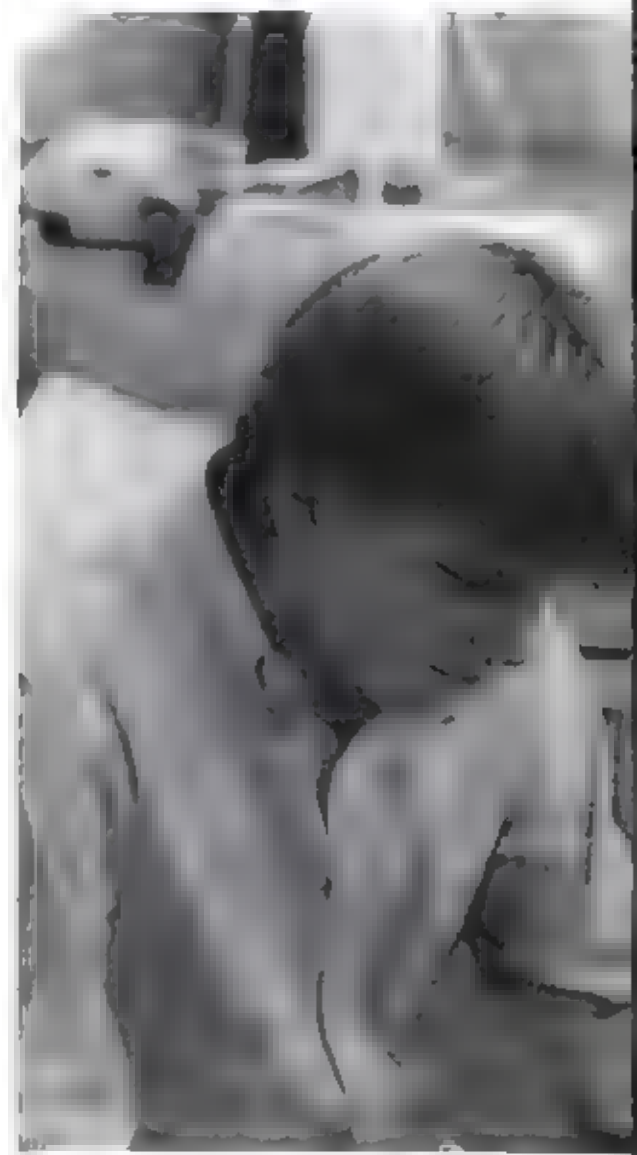
When asked why he was taking Record-keeping, senior Tyrone Macklin replied, "Because one day I'll need the information to manage my money and budget it accordingly."

Senior Gary Clett stated that the most enjoyable aspect of Business Management and Ownership was, "being able to plan what type of business I want to go into." James Tharin



Patience and determination are necessary to understand and be able to work with the fundamentals of accounting.

Senior Wayne Johnson works diligently to balance his figures in this senior accounting class.





Senior Mark Felton has overcome his use of the "hunt and peck" method of typing and now successfully utilizes the touch method



J. Thann

To type 60 words per minute takes concentration and daily practice

The clatter of typewriter keys can almost be imagined in this class of industrious students



J. Thann

Learning and earning make sense

Once again, Distributive Education and Industrial Cooperative Training were two outstanding areas of study. DE concentrated basically on marketing while ICT placed its attention on industry-related jobs.

The purpose of DE was to develop a respect for education in marketing which would contribute to occupational competence.

Mr. Robert Horne and Mrs. LaVerne Perscell served as instructors to the Distributive Education classes and supervised their many and varied activities. DE I and DE II supplied

students with classroom instruction as well as on-the-job training.

ICT aided students in getting jobs related to industry. Mr. Gilbert Watkins gave ICT students individual training plans to meet their special needs. Many of the jobs acquired during the school year continued after graduation.

Units of credit were earned by a number of students who were granted early release from school to work. **James Tharin**



Eager to serve, junior Timothy Bynum awaits the next customer in line at Wendy's.



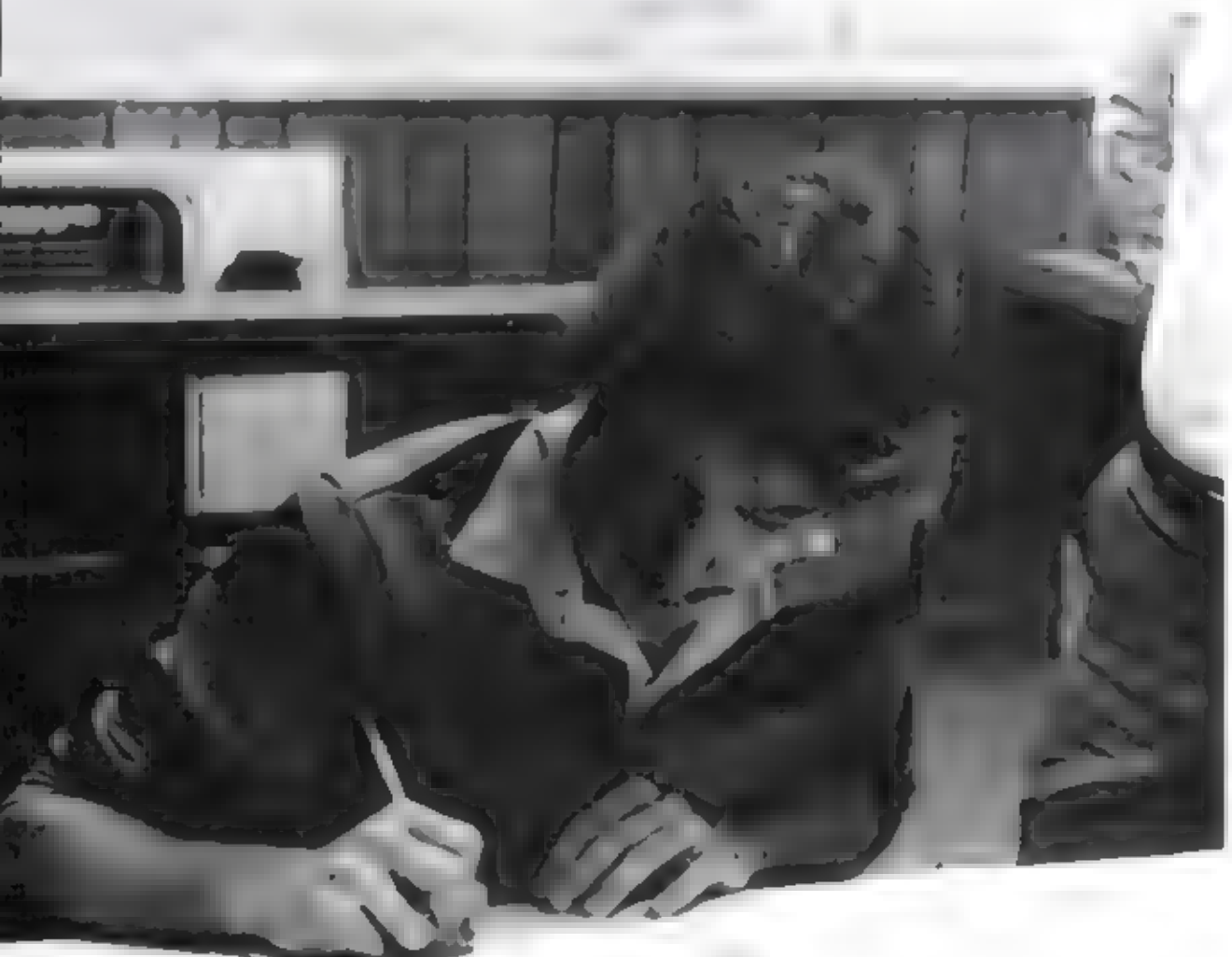
A busy day of work at White's Supermarket lies ahead for senior Laura King.



Showing off the latest in guitars, senior Scott Warner smiles as another working day comes to an



"May I take your order?" asks junior Tammy Bynum as she prepares take-out lunches at Kentucky Fried Chicken



A senior Distributive Education student Edward Parker concentrates on his paper work at Watson Electric Company

Home Ec's where the hearts are

Home Economics is rich in content that provides judgments to make problems to solve and understandings to master. It's the only subject area that focuses upon the family in all its forms.

There were several different aspects taught in the department. Consumer Education, Foods and Nutrition, Clothing and Textiles, Child Development, and Family Life Education were just a few of the sections offered in the curriculum.

Home economics teacher Doris Jones said, "It is always rewarding to a teacher to see knowledge take root. The concepts that are being emphasized are of a practical nature, needed by all consumers which in the long run will help students formulate values that will last a lifetime."

Through Future Homemakers of America, students had the opportunity to participate in proficiency events on the district level. Some of the areas which involved competition were cake decorating, salad preparation, bathroom

decoration, and comparison shopping.

This year, an introductory course that taught basic information for everyday living was designed by department head, Katie McGee. The course, entitled Home Ec. 12, was a course for seniors who planned to attend college. Its curriculum consisted of basics in sewing, cooking, and crafting.

Senior Tiffany Inman said, "The most rewarding part of it was learning how to make a skirt, when before I couldn't even sew a straight line."

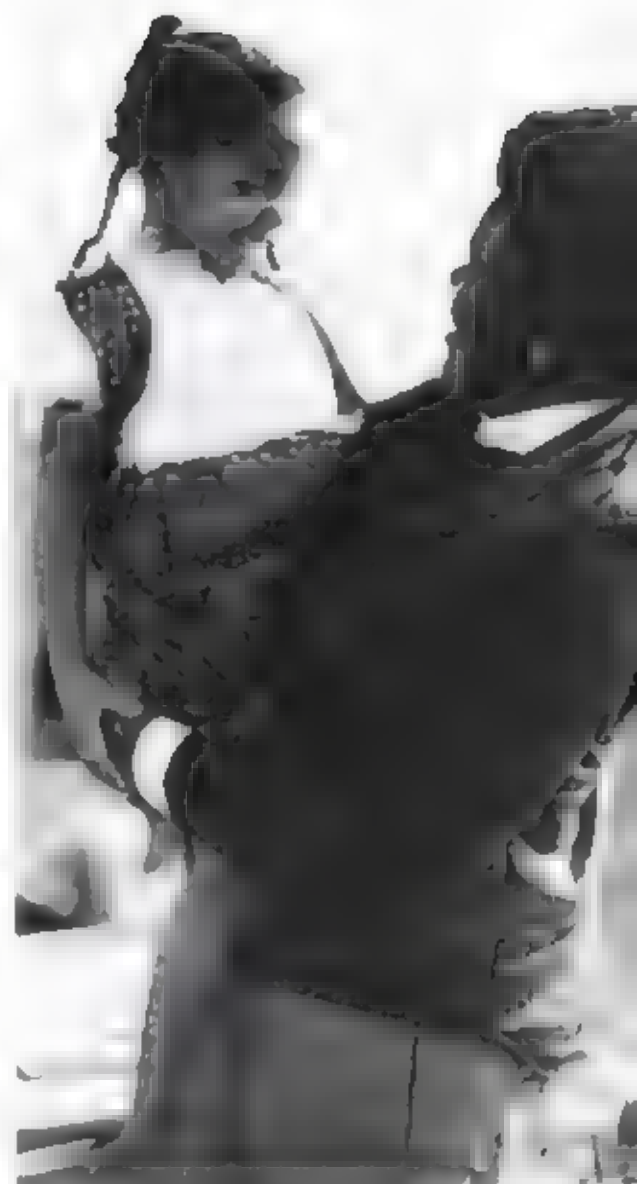
"It's helped me learn how to sew and even with the new drinking and driving laws," said senior Gary Chett.

A large part of the course was not only basic skills but class discussions on drinking, drugs, relationships, and family life.

Clothing student Reggie Barnes commented, "If it came down to the point where I needed a job and sewing was the only area and it paid good, I'd take it." **Connie Bradshaw**

Because of teacher pressure from Katie McGee, senior Gary Chett was forced to participate in a make-over clinic in Home Ec.

Making a friend, senior Carolyn Stancil, a Child Care services student, entertains a child at a local day care center.



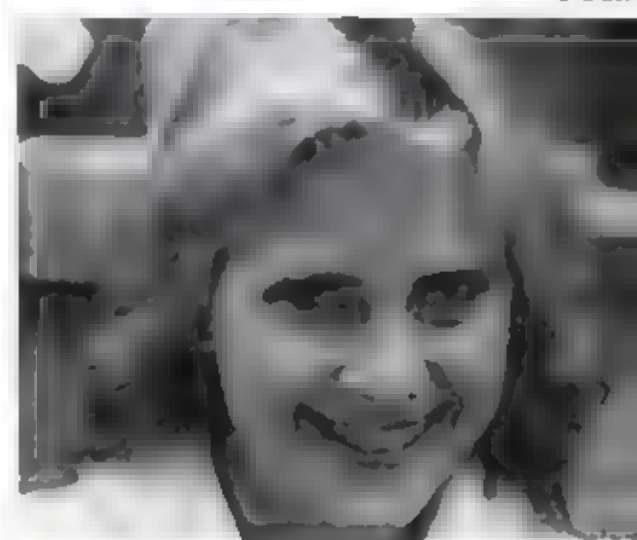
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Above, senior Holly Willis is shown in the "before" state, during a make-over clinic held in Home Economics 12. Below, the finished product is revealed.



C. Bradshaw

Coloring and drawing, senior Debra Phillips, along with her day care center students, search for the right color to complete their picture



H. Pines

Eating the rewards of their preparations are seniors Shawn Braswell, Cynthia Blackston, Shawnie Draughn, junior Medina Smith and sophomore Jean Arrington

Learning to read a blueprint proves to be a challenging skill discovers senior Chrs Richardson

Operating a lathe demands attention to detail, patience, and a great deal of practice learn senior Billy Mallison and junior Harry White



M. Ger



J. Moore

Brave new world demands old know-how

In a world where plumbers charge in excess of \$35.00 for a house call, the need for basic maintenance skills was evident. Whether for training in a future career area, for basic "handy-man" skills, or for sheer enjoyment, students could select from a wide offering of vocational courses.

For the novice, courses introduced students to various occupations and allowed them to explore basic technologies. Those with more specific interests could select from courses in bricklaying, auto mechanics, carpentry, electricity and blueprint reading. Students could also explore health-related occupations under the direction of Mrs. Margie Brantley.

"Masonry II teaches me to lay bricks and learn a trade while I am still in school," said senior Tony Bynum. Senior Bobby Nicholson found that the most enjoyable part of bricklaying was building a barbecue pit.

The world is turning more toward elec-

tronics, and Electricity II will help me be prepared," said senior Ray Pelletier. Senior Derek Kelly added, "Besides, I enjoy having a little danger in my work."

"I am interested in becoming a neurologist," said junior Regell Pryor. "Health Occupations helps me learn about different health careers and how to get along with people. It also helps prepare me for a career in medicine."

Students in Mr. Weldon Hendricks' masonry class built walls within the classroom. In Mrs. Margie Brantley's classes, students went outside the walls and into hospitals to learn their skills. In Mr. Robert Smith's auto mechanics classes, students got underneath their subjects, over them, and sometimes even in them. Vocational education offered choices and experience in the areas those choices dictated. Students followed various career choices and came out better able to make a decision about their future goals.



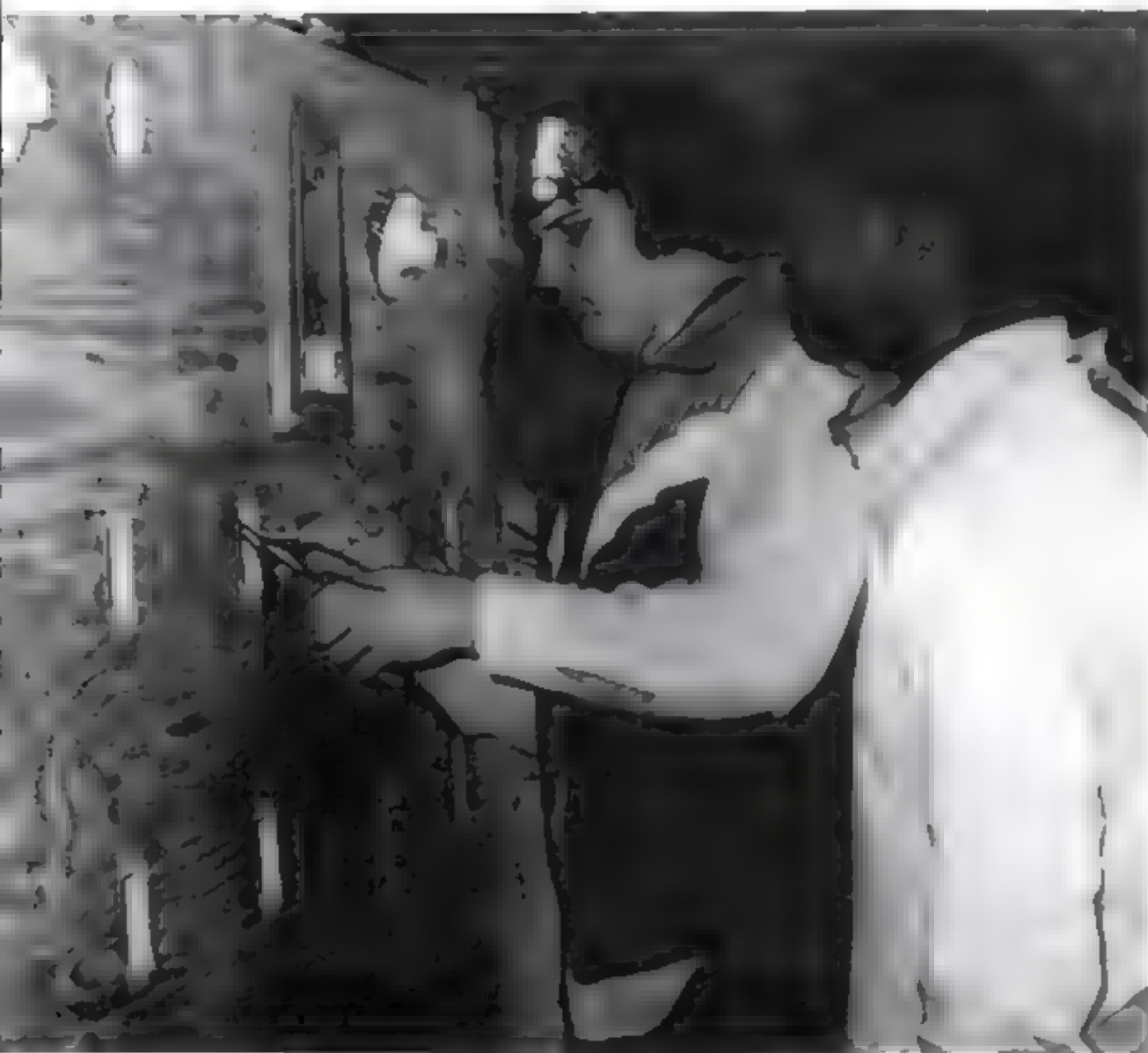
"This is the chimney that we built!" proclaimed junior Donald Winstead and senior Darrell Powell as they proudly inspect their handiwork.



R. Boseman

In addition to the wall they're working on at present, aspiring brickmasons constructed the wall at the rear of their room.

Much more than an electrical charge is gained from Mr. Hugh Miller's electricity course. Senior Joe Arnold and sophomore Thurman Jones earn valuable, marketable skills in their afternoon class.



R. Boseman

Marching band Goes for the Gold

The stands roared as the Marching Gryphons left the field in the minidome at the East Tennessee State University campus. Later that same night the Marching Gryphons were crowned National Champions.

To reach the honor of being referred to as "the best" required months of preparation and tens of thousands of dollars. The last four weeks of summer vacation were spent on the student parking lot or on the lower field learning and practicing the show in near 100-degree heat.

"I didn't know what to expect after the first day of band camp," sophomore Jay Quigley said.

Perfection was the next step, and it turned out to be the longest step. Not only Tuesday and Thursday nights were spent practicing but also many Saturdays were involved in the long trek to win the gold.

On September 24, 1983 the Marching Gryphons placed second to Governor Livingston Regional High School in a contest held at Severna Park, Maryland. After that defeat harder work was in store when band director J.C. Sykes decided to change some of the show. In the Cullowhee Regional, the Marching Gryphons won their division and also the regional championship. They also took awards for the best general effect, the best brass and woodwinds, and the best percussion. The next week at the Pittsburgh Regional, they won awards for the best brass and woodwinds and the best marching. The Marching Gry-

phons came in second place to Norwin High School, last year's National Champions.

The Windjammers Contest held in New London, Connecticut was a huge success for the Marching Gryphons. They won awards for the best band, best colorguard, and best drum majors. The East Carolina University Band Day was also a huge success for the Marching Gryphons. Here they won their division, and the overall best band. They also took awards for the best percussion, best flags and rifles, and second place drum majors.

Despite this success, trying times were still ahead. The few weeks before the Marching Bands of America Grand National Championship the band spent almost every night working to perfect the show.

"It is senseless to spend so much time and money on any one thing unless you are going to go all the way," Mr. Sykes said. And go all the way they did.

"All the hard work paid off in the end," senior Mark Kilgore said.

But the hidden strength behind the Marching Gryphons was not only found in the students but also in the band supporters. They raised the large amounts of money to finance such a tremendous program.

"Wherever we went, we always saw the yellow band booster coats. That's what inspired us at the contests," sophomore Margo Anspach said. Jody D. Moore and Jeff A. Bullock.



Banners raised high, the band forms a perfect diamond for the roaring crowd at Band Appreciation Day at the stadium.

Giving it all they have, soloists, senior Arthur Barnes and junior Greg Johnson, stand above the rest of the band during the concert number solo.



L.W. Gill



D. Szama

L. W. Gil



J. Baker



L. W. Gil

How do they do it? Band members make another formation in the long program that, time after time, elicits standing ovations and ear-splitting yells from the crowd

Hours of practice are what allowed these students to march with perfect technique each note and furl precisely timed and executed

Swaying to the beat, the award-winning brass and woodwinds are both given a chance to show off in the concert number "Til I Met You

The music never stops

When marching season ended, the musicians divided into two bands. The wind ensemble was directed by Mr. J.C. Sykes, and the concert band was directed by Mr. James Evans. The students were placed in the bands according to how well they scored during auditions. The students with the highest scores were placed in the wind ensemble, and the rest of the students made up the concert band. Both of the bands played a variety of music to prepare for a state contest in March and a concert in May.

"Wind ensemble is a letdown compared to marching band, but it does have its good moments like the contest and spring concert," senior Robin Sallenger said. The state contest

was hosted by the bands here, and both bands also competed in the contest. The spring concert featured music by both of the bands and a short awards ceremony.

Another band here was the jazz band. The jazz band consisted of students who had to audition before school started. "This year's jazz band has the ability to do better than any former jazz band here, and I hope everyone will come to our concert," senior Jon Ratchford said. The jazz band was directed by Mr. Sykes, and they played a number of jazz tunes by many famous arrangers. The annual spring concert by the jazz band was a success. Many students and parents attended to hear the band. **Jeff A. Bullock**



Preparing for the state contest, Mr. James Evans leads the concert band.

During sixth period, junior Stan Hardesty of the wind ensemble gets ready to play.





The wind ensemble, under the direction of Mr. J.C. Sykes, gets ready to perform another song

Jazz band members, seniors Arthur Barnes, Scott Warner, and George King, prepare for class



J. Moore

Jazz band members are. **FRONT ROW** Jon Ratchford, John Day, Kim Kirk, Ashley Ayers, David Shriver, and Andy Metcal'. **SECOND ROW:** George King, James Jones, Kevin Mangum, Kelly Williams, Jon Layton, Gwen Taylor, and Carol Wilson. **BACK ROW:** Ralph Banning, Scott Warner, Vic Howell, Danny Battle, Sherry Andrews, Rick Edmondson, Greg Johnson, Kevin Farmer, and John Morehart



R. Parks

Leadership shifts in choral music

Enjoying all types of music, the choral music classes have sampled sacred music, pop, show music, and madrigals.

Until his retirement in November, Mr. Larry Gupton instructed students in music. Under the new leadership of Mr. Marshall Butler, the chamber choir performed for the Optimist Club during the Christmas holidays and in February they participated in the Brotherhood Week activities. The mixed chorus performed in public for the first time this spring.

"Mr. Butler has done a real good job his first year at Rocky Mount Senior High," senior Jeff Hardee stated.

Opportunities to learn about and enjoy all kinds of music formed the basis of the choral music program. A large amount and variety of drill enabled the students to improve their vocal techniques and their sight-reading abilities. Conscientious work and practice combined to produce a successful year for the mixed chorus as well as the sixty-one music appreciation students.

"My goals for the year were to assist the students to develop a love and desire for music of all styles and to become well-informed about music, as the well-informed musician should," Mr. Butler said. James B. Tharin



Chamber Choir members Rod Davis, Stan Harris, Jeff Hardee, and Natalie Taylor practice their music



Preparing for one of his last performances at Senior High, Mr. Larry Gupton warms up before showtime



Demonstrating his musical talents, Mr. Marshall Butler takes over as instructor of choral music.

Despite the snow falling outside, Mr. Butler's mixed chorus class finds a way to pass the time until early dismissal.



S. Kincheide

Amid the modern splendor of the new city hall, the voices of the Chamber Choir ring out during a performance in the early part of the year.



J. Moore

Class 'paints it on thick'

Brightly colored murals, pencil sketches and vivid prints gleamed through the windows of the art room, while the campus wore giant Coke, Mello Yello, and N.C. State trash cans. The art department apparently had a unique way of dressing up the school.

Art teacher Karen Riggs Thompson believes that artistic ability is something you more than likely already have in your system but through work, greater ability can be acquired. "The thing I have enjoyed most, the past seven years, is watching a student progress from day one. I especially enjoy seeing the results of a third-year student," she added.

The main goal of the department was to enhance the talents of the student and to prepare him for possible success in his field. Many artists plan to continue their work in order to

prepare themselves for a future career.

The department also participated in a project that involved silk-screening T-shirts. They offered this service to various clubs and organizations who wanted a shirt with a logo.

"Art is the best class I've taken at Senior High. It has opened my eyes to many things and has given me the ability to see what others can't. Anyone can be an artist if he has the will and desire," commented senior Tony Dules.

"Art is one of the few things I look forward to each day. It's trained me to see one object in a bunch of different ways. Art is not just the ability to draw, but also the ability to see," senior Jimmy Webb said.

Junior Aubrey Holloman said, "It will give me an outlet for my emotions, and a way for me to relax." **Connie T. Bradshaw.**





H. Aston



Cracking a smile, junior David Cherry exhibits his love for third period art and for the camera

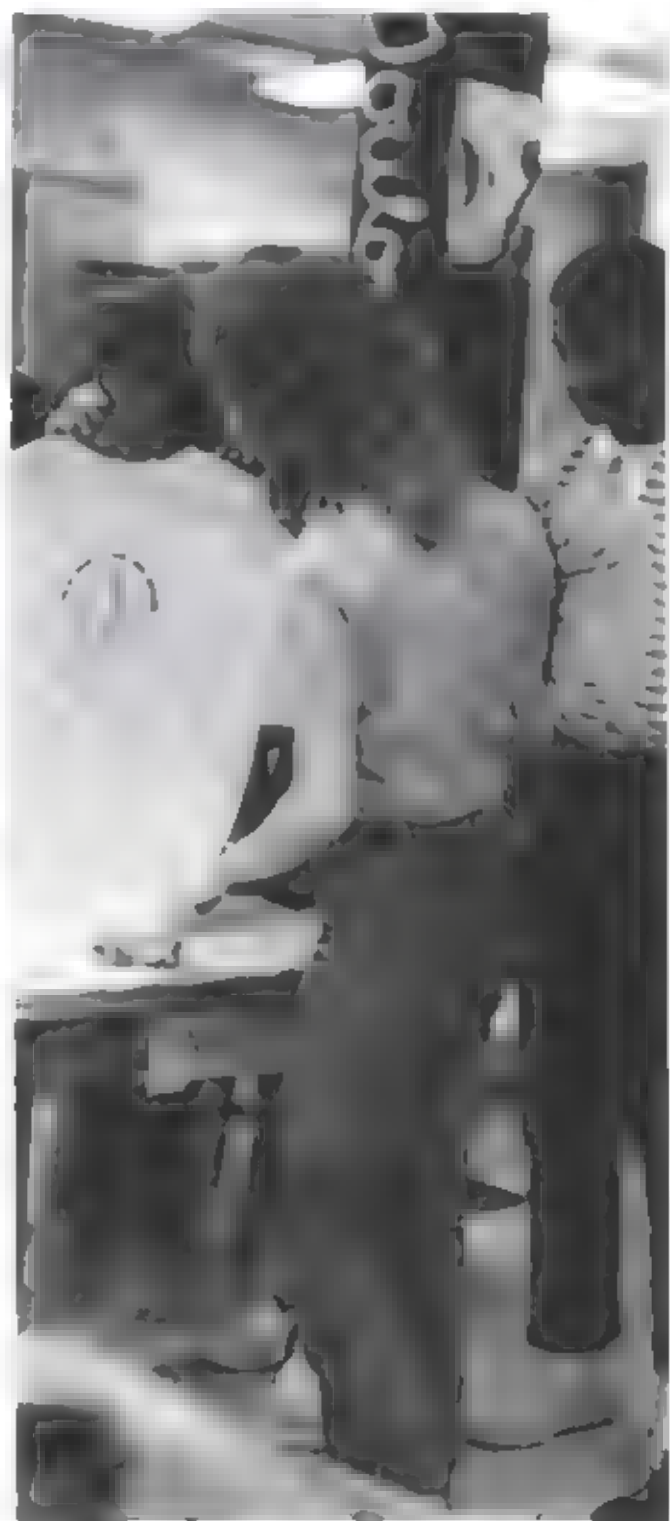


R. Aston

Silk-screening shirts, members of the Art club opened a business and gave clubs an opportunity to own a personalized T-shirt

Senior Lee Ann Jones exhibits the finished product in her silk-screened T-shirt

Offering her opinion, art instructor Karen Thompson helps junior Mike Kanai with his project



R. Aston

They "Act" Right

Everything from screams and shrills to cries and laughter could be heard through the walls and door of room 004. This was when Drama I and II met. Drama I basically concentrated on book work while Drama II emphasized the importance of performing and actually involved itself in it.

"The thing I enjoy most about teaching Drama is seeing a student "spark" and develop a flair for the theatre," said instructor and long-time lover of the theatre, William Rawls.

Departing from the daily schedule, the classes participated in several activities with the Tank Theatre. Several dedicated actors even went as far as to act in plays such as *Our Town* and others outside of school.

The classes also toured grammar schools in

the school system.

Pluto, a Greek love story, was performed for Johnson School and Richard T. Fountain Rehabilitation Center.

"I don't really plan to go into acting as a career. I basically just like to do it for fun. Mr. Rawls really knows how to bring your talents out. He's a talented man, and fun to work with," said senior Sabrina Lewis.

If I had a choice I would choose acting as a career. My love for acting even led me to audition for the North Carolina School of the Arts," said senior Kathy Mosley.

With more and more businesses using video as a method in training their employees dramatic instruction will even be more valuable to students as they enter the work force.

Connie T. Bradshaw



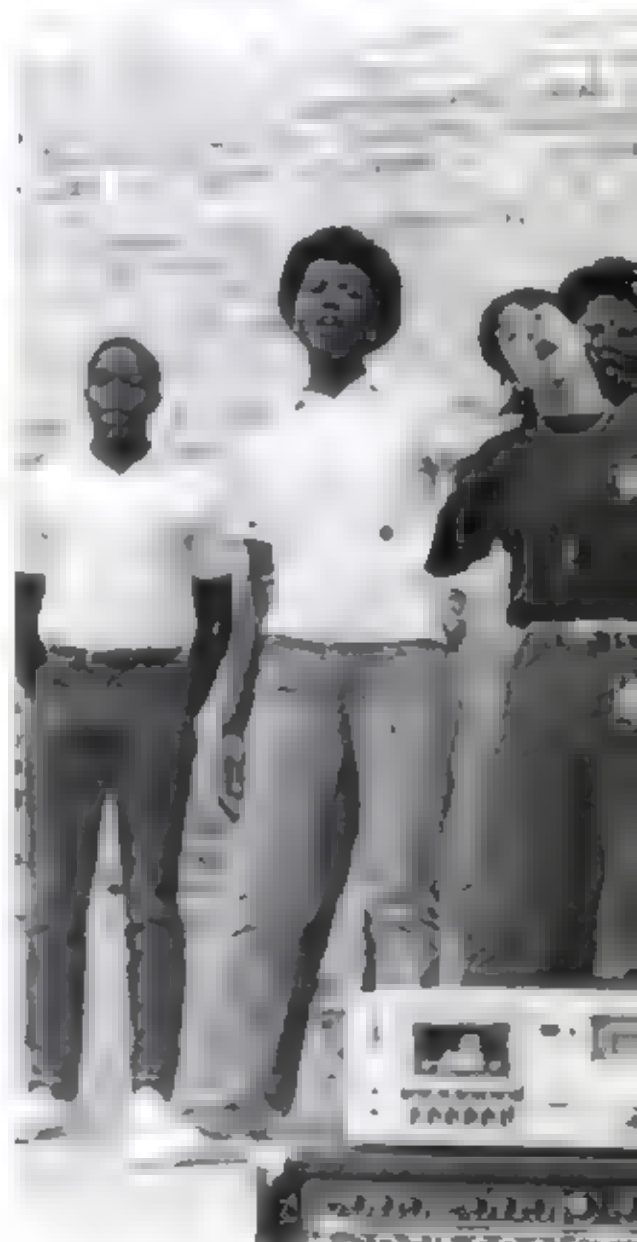
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Participating in classroom exercises, Drama I and II concentrate on just the right kind of presentation.

"Cock-a-doodle-doo," exclaims junior Scott Williams as he leads the class in a well-imitated "Henny-Penny."





Down on his knees, senior Donald Jenkins asks, "But why won't you marry me?" of his leading lady sophomore Amanda Flemming

The Down East Festival of the Arts gave drama students an opportunity to perform for a crowd and to exhibit their sometimes limited-to-classroom activities

J. Baker



J. Baker



J. Baker

Bientôt,
 j'ai été très heureux
 de voir la commémoration
 pour les 50 ans de
 l'année, en espérant
 que tu passes un très
 bon été. - Jesse L.

For my
 friend

A voice somewhere in the recess of your mind becomes the rhythm of a bass guitar. The sound of rain becomes the melody that plays upon the chords of your mind, the swaying of trees in the wind — a thousand people dancing to the lively beat. Someone calls your name and all melts away like the beads of rain of the window pane.

People ... as diverse as their individual personalities, their potential as limitless as their dreams. The spirit and soul that made them so much more than nameless faces was Senior High. They functioned as a unit while, at the same time, retaining their own identities. From the night custodian who dropped by the staff room to share a joke to the student who was always willing to go the extra mile, people were the pulse of the school. **Dorothy A. Batts**



"Since when did we start eating breakfast in homeroom?" asks senior Anthony Gray as he watches senior Michael Earl.

Showing their appreciation to band members, Spanish teacher Jane Parvin and son Jeremiah attend "Band Day" at City Lake.



Dear Brentley, Gaque,
 Well, friend. I am so glad we became such close friends
 this year. Fortunately we had chem, Latin, and English together.
 I have thoroughly enjoyed your company in these classes
 as well as other school/social functions. It's weird that
 last yr we did not know each other - now ~~we~~ did we
 in previous years. Wow! A blossoming friendship. You
 are quite an individual, of whom others attempt to imitate. How-

ever, that is an impossible
 task. I think what first
 really caught my attention
 about you was your com-
 mitment to health. You
 are quite an inspiration
 as far as health is con-
 cerned. I don't think I'll
 ever be as dedicated, but
 I have good intentions.
 By the way, thanks for
 helping me out in Latin
 on pre test days.

You were a good
 friend to me when you
 asked me to the Jr-Sr.
 I had told you I
 did not think I
 was going to be
 invited, but thanks
 to you, I did attend.
 Riding in the van
 was so fun, as
 well as JR's, the
 dance, and balloons
 you were a charming
 date!

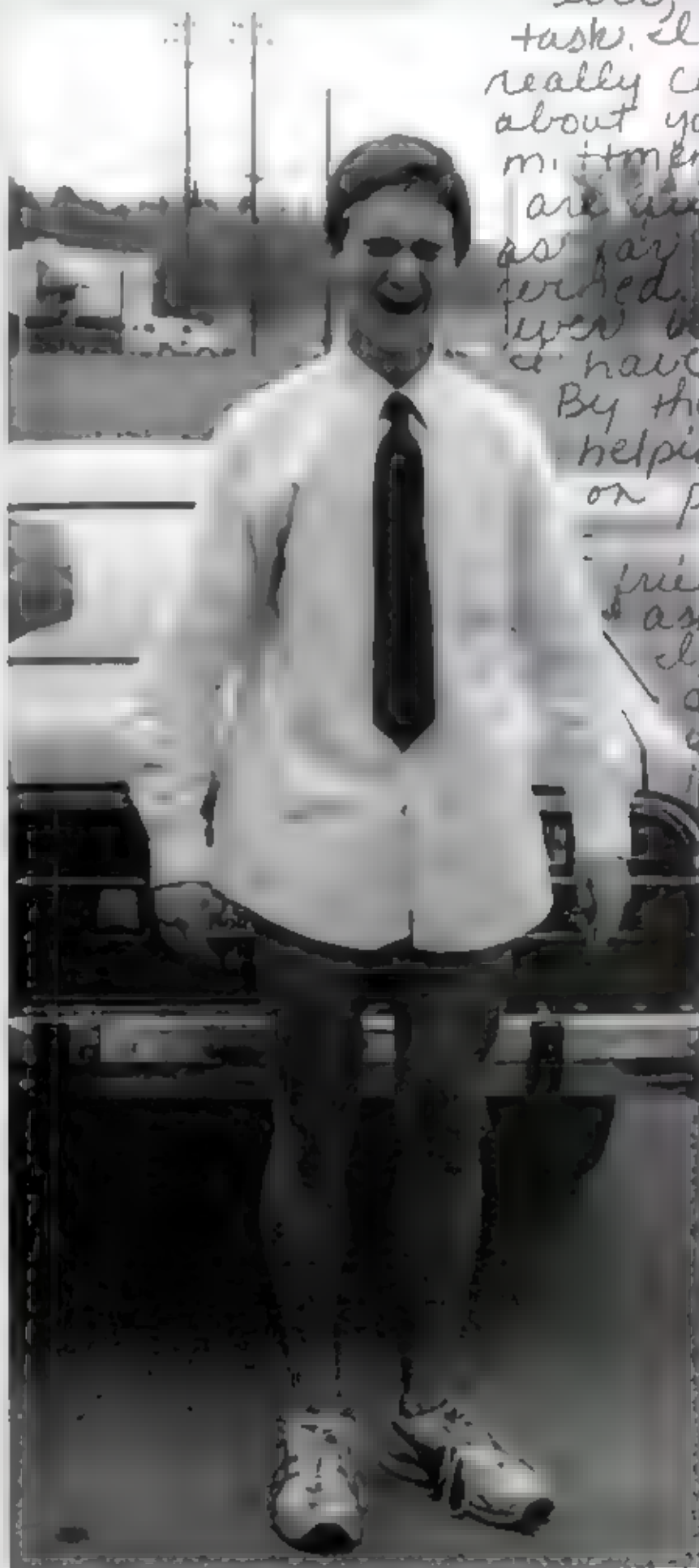
Let me back-up
 a bit. We enjoyed
 your visits at the
 beach I had a
 great time the
 whole wk. I will
 never, ever forget
 when I could not
 even eat my
 dinner because

Surprise! Junior Brent Kirkham gasps as he is caught off-guard.

I was laughing so hard at you in those slippers.
 It is still funny to me. You see, Brent, you make
 the ordinary extraordinary. I could go on,
 but I must bring this to an end. You are
 a super person and a great guy. Thanks (sorry)
 for keeping me laughing + smiling all year. LOVE,
 Elizabeth C.



R. Aston



R. Parks



R. Parks

At the helm

Steering a student body of more than 1500 persons through both good times and bad more than 100 administrators, faculty members, and other support personnel combined their talents and abilities to enable students to achieve their full potential

Completing his third year as principal at Rocky Mount Senior High, Douglas Watts together with Wayne Doll, Melvin Riddick, and Reba Bone, joined in dealing with day-to-day problems of school administration

Joining the guidance office staff, Mrs. Linda Taylor became sophomore counselor, who proved a valuable member of the crew guiding students in their quest for excellence
Susan H. Kincheloe

Posing outside their offices, Assistant Principals Wayne Doll, Reba Bone, and Melvin Riddick pause in the middle of their morning duties



J Moore

Paperwork is just one of the many tasks of Principal Douglas Watts. Here he works in his office on the morning's delivery of mail



J Moore



R Parks

Attempting to keep the office running smoothly are secretaries Vivian Anderson, Jo Ann Mills and Susie Herrington



R Parks

Working busily in the guidance office, secretary Doris Dupuy handles student records and transcript requests



R Parks

Helping young people achieve their potential is the task of Youth Opportunities Specialist Guion Davis



J Moore

Preparing meals can become quite complicated, know the cafeteria staff SEATED: Shirley Thomas, Anne DeLoatch, STANDING: Dannievan Kennedy, Sarah Lewis, Ruby Batchelor, Sallie Pridgen, Jo Ann Lucas, Louis Wilson, and Glennace Pearse



R Parks



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Guidance counselors William Hutchisson, Linda Taylor, Phyllis Jacobs, and Nellie Rhea Winstead are familiar faces to all those associated with Senior High.

Always willing to lend a helping hand are librarians Elia Davis and Barbara Edwards.



R Parks



R Parks

In addition to teaching courses in competency mathematics, Mrs. Linda Thann edited a new faculty communication, *The Wattsline*. For her service, Mrs. Thann received the Terry Sanford Award for excellence in education.

To assure her health, junior Lisa Barnes keeps track of her weight while Nurse Vivian Williams advises her.

Vivian Anderson Secretary/Treasurer
 Stan Bastian Vocational
 Mae Batts Science
 Judy Bradshaw Physical Education



Margie Brantley Health Occupations
 Shirley Bullock Business
 Bernie Capps Athletic Trainer
 Joyce Colwell Mathematics



Gerald Costen Social Studies
 Vann Cuts Social Studies
 Eleanor Doyle Chemistry
 Melissa Drake Chemistry



Barbara Fields Aide
 Claudia Fuerst Social Studies
 Joan Godwin Business
 Carolyn Grantham Home Economics



Elizabeth Hardy English
 Reggie Henderson Physical Education
 Weldon Hendricks Vocational
 Susie Herrington Secretary



Charlotte Holloway Business
 Robert Horne Distributive Education
 William Hutchisson Guidance Counselor
 Evelyn Jenkins Computer Programming





Teacher of the year

Katie McGee, Home Economics teacher and head of the Home Economics department, was chosen teacher of the year because of her teaching philosophy and her ability to associate with students and faculty.

McGee attended East Carolina University where she received her Bachelors and Masters degrees in Home Economics Education and came to Senior High six years ago. "I really enjoyed the first three years I taught at the Halifax county schools, but I enjoy Rocky Mount City Schools more because of the personal contact not only with students but also with faculty and administration," said McGee.

McGee's students appreciated the time and effort she put into making the students feel cared for. "I really enjoy her class because she makes us feel important and that motivates us and makes us want to learn," said senior Ann Kemp.

McGee was adviser for the junior varsity cheerleaders and involved in numerous activities in the school. She was also active in the Rocky Mount Embroiderers' Guild, area day care centers, and a member of the Englewood Methodist Church.

Teacher of the year, Katie McGee enjoys an afternoon with her son P.D. and the ducks at City Lake.

A. Brown



Pat Johnson Aide
Nancy Jones English and Latin +
Steve Keeter Vocational
George Kelley English

Debra Kincheloe English and Journalism
Teresa Lamm Mathematics
Faith Lehman English
Martha Lewis Mathematics

Katie McGee Home Economics
Jo Ann Mills Secretary
Gay Mullinix Mathematics
Sylvia Myers Special Education



Joining in the fun during the first basketball pep rally against Eastern Wayne, faculty members Chris Wiggs, Nancy Jones, Joan Godwin, Jane Parvin, Kim Shields, and Tammy Wallace plan their strategy in the balloon-sitting event!

In high school . . .

"I received a '65 Mustang for my 16 birthday and was called "Mustang Sally" after a then popular song."

— Carolyn Grantham

"I played the role of Lady Macbeth from the tragedy by Shakespeare."

— Erma Dudley

"In my junior year at Benvenue, I threw a touchdown pass in the waning moments of the contest against our archrivals, Nashville, to defeat them 18-12."

— Jack Young

"I was Most Valuable Player my junior and senior years on our basketball team."

— Evelyn Jenkins

"I warmed the bench most efficiently in my sophomore year on the basketball team."

— Nancy Jones

"I dated a guy to the Junior-Senior prom who was shorter than I."

— Susan Dolan

Helen Nicholson: French
Jane Parvin: Spanish
LaVerne Perscell: Distributive Education
Barbara Pierce: Mathematics and
Computer Programming



William Rawls: English and Drama
Melvin Riddick: Assistant Principal
Elsaine Rose: Social Studies
Ann Ruggiero: English



Curtis Rushing: Social Studies
Kim Shields: Special Education
Suzanne Sifford: Spanish
Robert Smith: Vocational





Barbara Story Science
J.C. Sykes Band
Carol Taylor Mathematics
Linda Taylor Guidance Counselor



Catherine Tedder English
Linda Tharn Mathematics
Karen Thompson Art
Jo Ann Trevathan English and Journalism



Timmy Tucker Mathematics
Barbara Tyler English
Bessie Tyson Business
Gilbert Watkins Vocational



Douglas Watts Principal
Debbie Webb English
Jane White Business
Lendora Wideman Home Economics



Walt Wiggins Physical Education
Chris Wiggs English
Linda Williams Special Education
Vivian Williams Nurse



Deborah Wilson Socia. Studies
Nellie Rhea Winstead Vocational Counselor
Jack Young English



Jeffrey Brian Adams



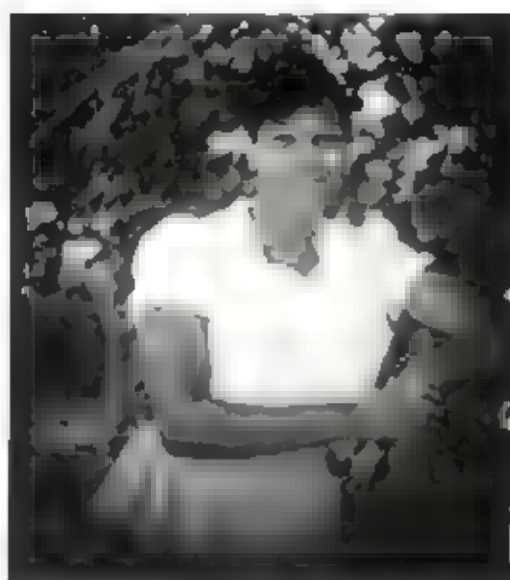
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James Kearney Alston



Jewell Antionette Alston



Joyce Ann Alston



Reginald Eugene Alston



Terrence Laven Andrews



Jackie Ann Anthony



Sharon Patrice Armstrong



Kendra Hope Arrington



James Oliver Bagley

Looking back . . .

Another year is soon coming to an end, but instead of leaving our school for just a short vacation, the senior class is leaving forever. All of the I can't-wait-to-graduate mementoes are finally going to come true, but are we ready? Our future awaits somewhere out in this huge world. Senior High tried to instill in us knowledge and wisdom. We now must use this knowledge to proceed in life. Memories of the fine school days spent here will always linger in our minds such as the bon-fire, pep rallies, and the Junior-Senior prom. However, it is time to search for new goals and to fulfill the many tasks that we have already set.

Thank you, teachers and administrators, for making our dreams possible.

— The Graduating Class of 1984

Tracey D. Sutton

As senior class president George King adjusts her mortarboard, the reality of graduation touches senior Suzanne Dix.

© Suzanne



Mariah Lanier Baines



Terri Lee Baines



• Lisa Kay Baker



• John Thomas Bandy, Jr



Martha Ellen Bandy



Janet Lynne Banning



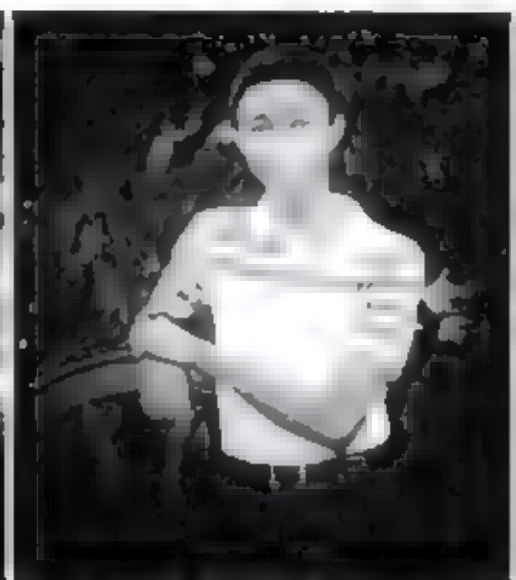
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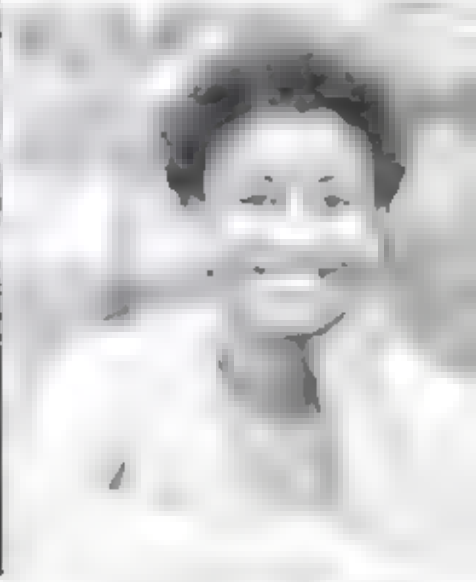
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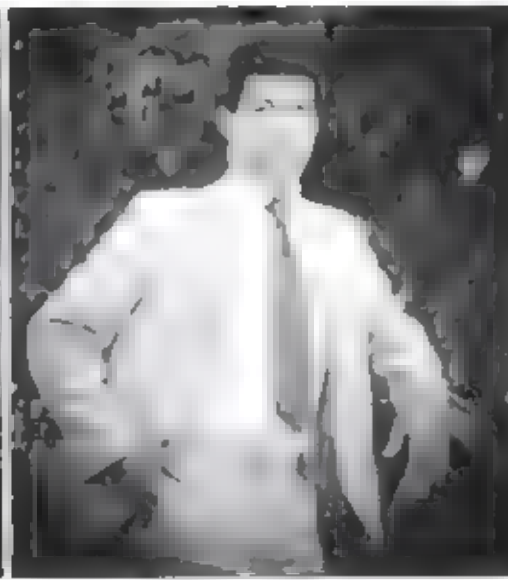
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Cynthia Jean Blackston



Leon Fitzgerald Broun



Herbert Conrad Boddie



Roger Dean Boles



Roslyn Ceret Bowden



Elizabeth Greer Bowen



Ricky Dale Bowen



•Connie Teresa Bradshaw



• Mary Margaret Brake



Angela Tonette Branch



•John Michael Brantley



Dorothy Delois Braswell



Sharon Louise Braswell



Shawn Braswell



Tamytha Lyn Brevard



Margaret Guy Bright



Kelvin Anthony Brinkley



Vonderla Brooks



Thafer Isa Brothers



Andrew Craig Brown



Teisha Brown



Terri Yvette Brown



Wanda Carlette Brown

Serious waves —
Just ain't cool
without em

Back pack —
Must have
reflectors
Why? Nobody
knows

Latest issue of
Sports
Illustrated —
Must be able to
quote stats in a
heartbeat

Suede Pony's —
Seniors awe
made cassava
with their ability
to keep them
clean





The expression —
Don't forget
the new lines
in the air

The boy —
Always a good
example of
a good student



Patricia Ann Bryant



Heather Noel Buchanan



• Jeffrey Allan Bullock



Melodie Shatreese Bulluck



• Susan King Burch



Gregory Damond Burt



Bridgitte Darlisa Bynum



Timothy Myron Bynum



Derrick Quentin Byrd



Ellis Anthony Byrd



• Mary Elizabeth Caromody



Jayne Alice Carroll



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Bondina Chandler



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Martha Ann Colie



• Barbara Susan Cooper



• Donna Denise Cooper



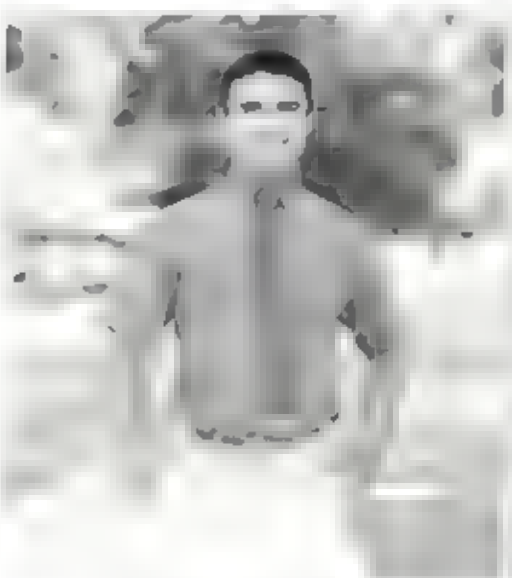
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William Lee Dancy, Jr



• Tammy Diane Daniel



Brenda Fay Davis



Dawn Victoria Davis



Gwendolyn Renee Davis



Michael Earl Davis



Roderick Dante Davis



Elizabeth Ann Deans



Marionnetta Dickens



Melody Teresa Dickens



Robin Dickens



Roscoe Dickens



• Suzanne Paige Dix



• Anthony Scott Doles

What comes after graduation?

As the new school year began again from a short summer vacation, students came back facing problems with school work, teachers and friends. Sophomores were trying to get used to a new environment; juniors started realizing how much studying there was to be done, and seniors worried about where they would go to college and which universities or institutions would accept them.

In order to get a college education, a student usually was required to maintain at least a 2.0 average through his high school year, to score well on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (which often required additional retesting) and to be involved in a couple of extracurricular activities.

Senior Jackie Wilkins expressed her feelings by saying, "I have applied to two colleges, only receiving one back saying that I had been accepted. I am very impatient about receiving the other letter, but I am anxiously waiting so that I can decide where I will be next year."

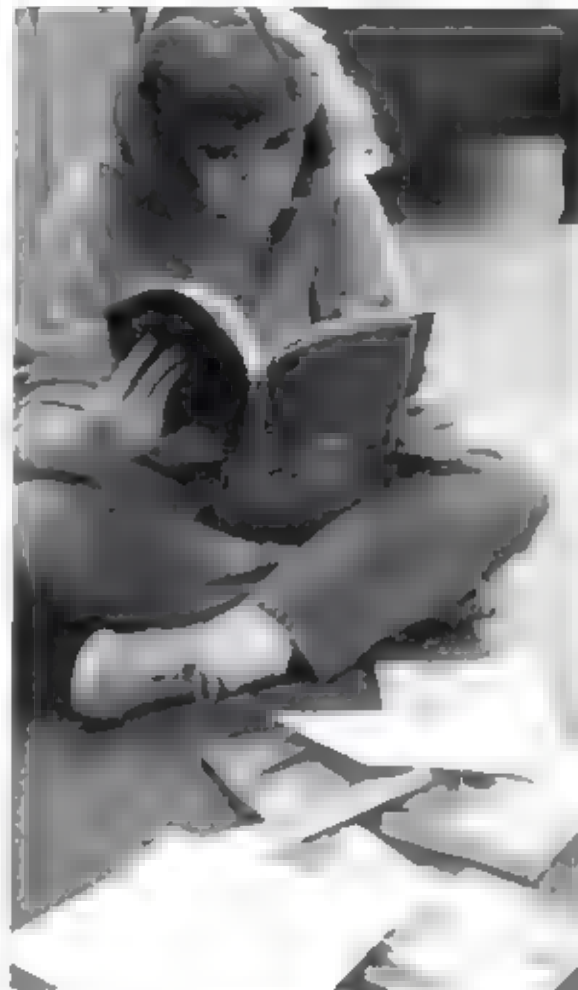
As the months rolled by, many seniors

learned that they had been accepted to the college of their choice. Excitement was the feeling that everyone had because it was the time to begin shopping for college necessities such as sheets, pillows and cases, chairs, lamps, and of course monograms of that school's emblem.

It was such a great feeling to know I had been accepted somewhere, and my name was listed as a freshman at Carolina where I am going to next year," senior Mollie Rosenbloom said. She was not the only senior to emphasize how she felt. Many students could hardly wait before they took their first big step into their future. That future was to begin on their graduation day, which was within sight.

Tracy D. Sutton

Taking time out to go over college books and pamphlets, senior Lynne Freeman tries to decide where she would like to spend her next four years at school.



T. Sutton



Shawney Faye Draughn



Robin Iris Dunbar



Thelma Lucille Dunston



Miriam Grace Dutton



Margaret Scott Eagles



Michael Antonio Earl



Douglas Lee Edgeworth



Gwendolyn Yvonne Edmondson



Diane Michelle Edwards



-Pamela Ann Ess



•Jesma Mayo Evans



Tracy Todd Evans



• Richard Parker Fagala



Sharon Renee Faison



Kevin Earl Farmer



Angela Michelle Faucette



Margie Watson Federline



• Mark Gilbert Fenton



• Nina Judy Fisher



Calvin Fitz, Jr



William Edward Fowers



Cynthia Marie Freeman



Lynne Walker Freeman



•Holly Denise Funk



• Mary Elliott Futrell



Fontella Beth Garraway



Charles Anthony Garrett



• McIver E. Garrison



• Stephen Lee Gay



Jerome Darius Gillespie



Kathy Louise Gorham



Jeffrey Charles Gowin



Sonji Loraine Grant



Anthony Andre Gray



Charles Erwin Grimes



Deborah Micheal Grimes



Lisa Michelle Grubb



Anthony Maurice Gupton



• Lorraine Salter Gupton



Paul Brian Hall



Sabih Farouk Hamad



Jane Leigh Hamilton



Antonia Demetrious Hansley



Jeffrey Lin Hardee



Cassandra Dianne Hardy



Cynthia Denise Harper



Reginald Deon Harper



Tina Michelle Harper



Monica Jean Harrell



Kimberly Dawn Harrington



Angela Faye Harris



Karen Denise Harris



Patricia Adele Harris



Shirice Renee Harris



Stanley Clinton Harris



Vincent Karl Harris



Aquila Monique Harrison



Cassandra Jean Harrison



Mary Denise Harrison



Milton Jerome Harrison



Sylvester Harrison



Dana Michelle Hedgepeth



Sharon Mignon Hedgepeth



• Cheryl Ann Henke



• Timothy Tilden Hicks



Annette Denise Hines



• William MacArthur Hines



• Henry Lloyd Hinnant



Melvin Ray Hinton



Byron Damone Horne



Julia Ann Horne



Zena Kay Howard



• Gina Marie Hunt



Michelle Renee Hunter



William Hussey III



Thomas Edward Huston



Danny Ray Ingram



•Tiffany Larae Inman



Ira Juan Jackson



Calvenia Jenkins



Worth their weight . . .

Gosh!" "They must be really smart to have maintained such an outstanding average and to have been selected to represent our school for the Morehead scholarship. I really look up to them as outstanding seniors," said junior Clementine Fox.

Nominees selected from Senior High were Rod Batts, Jesma Evans, Kim Harrington, Chantia Matkin, and John Sykes. The first interview was held at Planters Bank in Rocky Mount where 16 nominees attended, three were chosen. One of the three candidates was Jesma Evans. After being chosen for county, Jesma went to a district interview where she was basically asked her beliefs, values, and goals.

Candidates for the Morehead Scholarship are selected because of their superior academic achievements, school activities, and community involvement. The Morehead scholarship is one of the most prestigious scholarships given to seniors in America today. Tracey D. Sutton

Morehead nominees are Rod Batts, Chantia Matkin, Jesma Evans, Kim Harrington and John Sykes.



Donald Reid Jenkins



Theima Delphene Jenkins



Cathrin Johnson



John Robert Johnson



• Michael Conyell Johnson



Regina Lynne Johnson



Ronald Eugene Johnson



• Russell Wayne Johnson



Stephone Johnson



Vicki Jo Johnson



• Caren Elizabeth Jones



Jacqueline Louise Jones



Lee Ann Jones



Colleen Yevette Joyner



Pauline Rena Joyner



Peyton Pierre Joyner



Derek Roy Kelly



Ann Campbell Kemp



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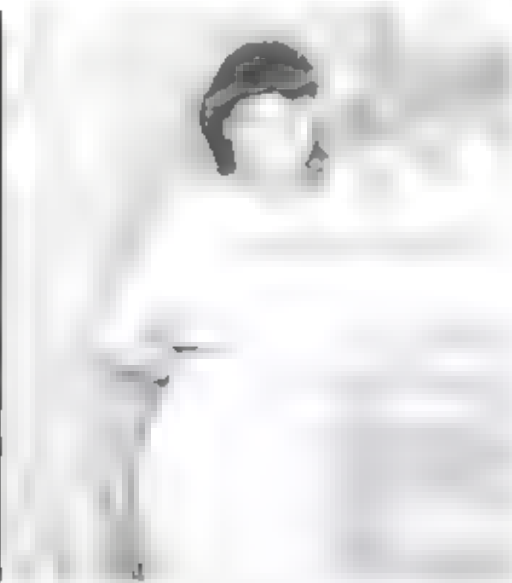
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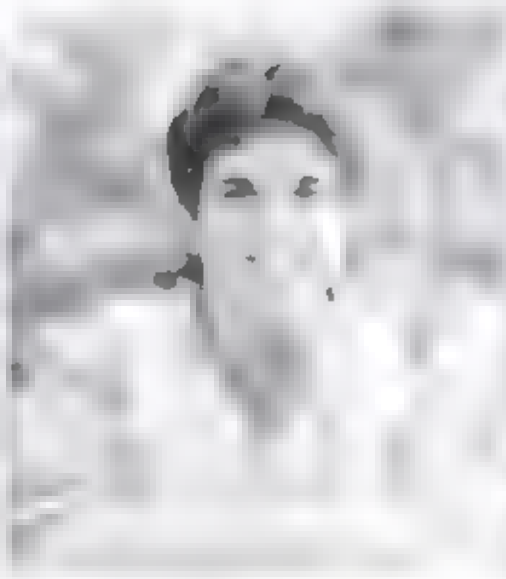
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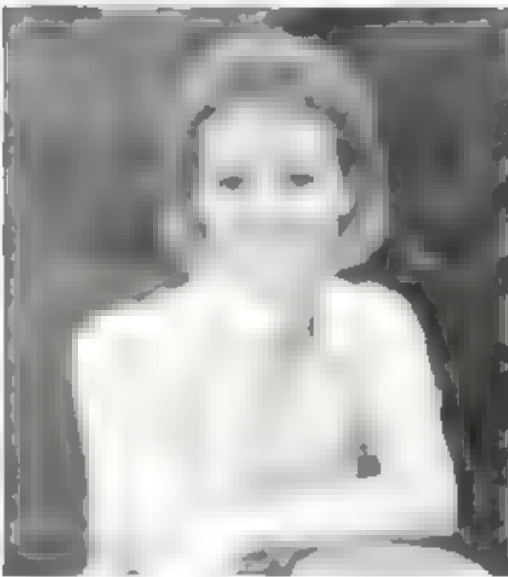
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•Selina Luchsinger



•Janice Lynn Lynch



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Tyrone Antonio Macklin



• Suvir Mataney



Sylvia Renee Mallison



Terry Maurice Mangum



•Celeste Chantal Matkin



•Melissa Carol Maude



Strictly top-notch . . .

We did it again! Two seniors from Senior High, Dorothy Batts and Rod Batts, were named in the 20th annual National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students.

Students who qualified as semi-finalists represented the highest-scoring black students in each of six regional groups of states. These scholars came from almost 1,000 secondary schools across the United States. Rod and Dorothy currently plan to continue their educations beyond high school.

These young achievers advanced to the finals. To do so, they had to attain high academic performance, have high test scores and have personal affiliation with their community and school.

All finalists were considered for National Achievement scholarships of \$1,000, of which at least 350 were awarded and allocated on a geographical basis.

"Though I never imagined that I would achieve national recognition, it certainly is an honor I'll never forget," Dorothy said. Tracey Sutton.

Sutton

Reviewing eligibility criteria for the National Achievement Scholarship, seniors Rod Batts and Dorothy Batts look forward to advanced competition.



Elizabeth Jarman Mauldin



Leonard McCalop



Andrea Vanessa McNair



Keith Lamonte Mercer



Andre Antonio Miller



Michael Jack Monahan



Joel Doster Moore



Kimberly LaSalle Moore



Samuel Maurice Moore



John Andrew Morehart



Tracy Alan Moskovic



• Betty Kathleen Mos ey



• David Todd Mullinix



• Gloria Francina Nelson



Bobby Earl Nicholson



• Nancy Evelyn Nicholson



William Davis Norfleet



Joseph Reid Norris



Laurene Odom



Laurice Odom



• Tracy Lynn Oglesby



Teresa Terri Overby



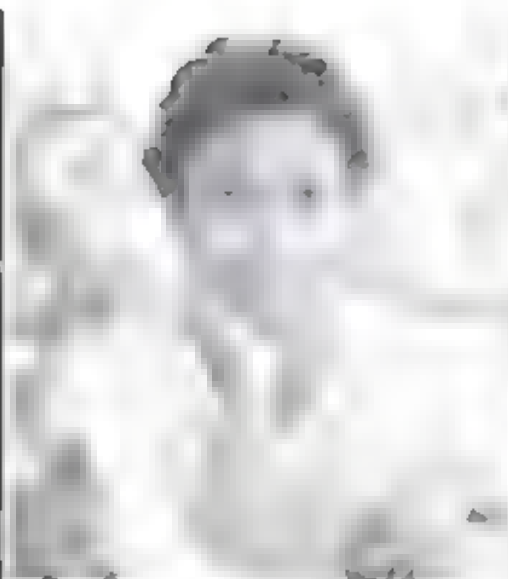
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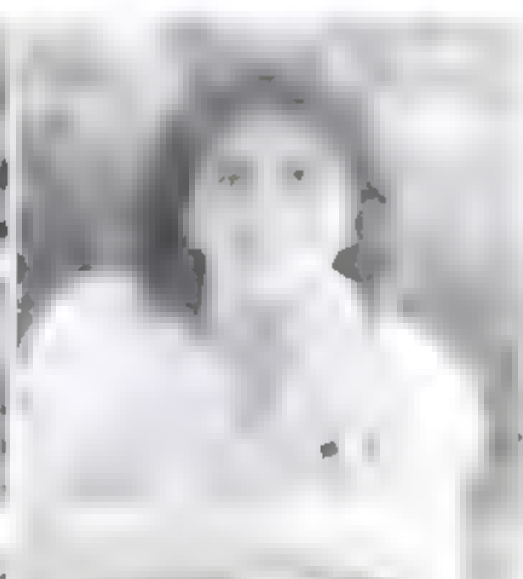
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Sherry Denise Parker



Harold Roberson Parrish



• Kimberley Banks Peebles



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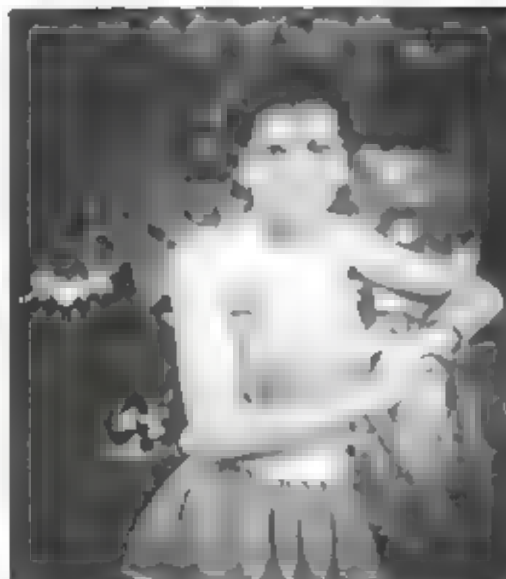
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Darrell Maurice Powe



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• Charles Reid Price



• Reginald Farris Pryor



• Melanie Anne Raper



• Jonathan Weeks Ratchford



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Thomas Allen Resper



Christopher Richardson



Jeffrey Leon Richardson



Ricky Allen Richardson



Stephanie Denise Richardson



Robena Wynna Robbins



Michele Lavern Roberson



Kent Joseph Robidoux



• Kevin John Robidoux



• Mollie Gail Rosenbloom

Celebrating good times!



R. Parks

The senior year — the great year — the last year. It was the year we all knew would be the last one together. So what did we do? We celebrated! From pep rallies with seniors seated at the bottom to delightful beach trips at Easter, we knew where to have fun and how to have fun. We made this short senior year our best one ever! At weekend parties we danced, played and cut-up, but most of all we were letting all of the school week frustration come out which made everyone come alive. The local "Sunset strip" held the marks made by the senior drivers when heading toward their destination, while not far away the "Whipple dancers" and "O.I.C. jammers" left their scuff marks on the hardwood floors when jamming to Michael Jackson. Partying was fun while it lasted, but they knew within a few days they had to face reality and put their noses to the grindstone once more. Tracey D. Sutton

Beach or bust! Seniors Tony Doles, Beth Mauldin, Connie Bradshaw, Selina Luchsinger, Lynne Freeman, Debbie Thomas, and Missy Maude load up for senior week at the beach.



Donna Dianne Rowland



Quintin Antonio Royster



•Robin Dru Sallenger



•Damian Vincent Sazama



Kimberly Michelle Scott



Leroy Scott Jr



•Abraham Segres



Valerie Omega Sessoms



Lisa Severini



•Martha Battle Shannon



Gayle Maria Shell



Wilbert Lee Shelley



Douglas Earl Slape



•Susanne Kathleen Slock



Ronnie Sma Is



Angela Marie Smith



•Elizabeth Lambertson Smith



Melissa Lisa Smith



Reggie Earl Smith



• Robert Earl Smith



Rodney Keith Smith



Melissa Marie Solomon



Karen Frances Spain



Jeffrey Scott Speight



Jeffrey Scott Speight



Jacqueline Privette Staggers



Carolyn Ann Stancil



James Anthony Stephens



Constance Denise Stokes



Tracey Denise Sutton



John Collins Sykes III



Jimmie Lee Taylor



Larry Bryan Taylor



Luther James Taylor Jr



Temple Ann Taylor



Deborah Sue Thomas



Angela Renee Thorne



Gregory Stephone Thorne



Janice Maria Thorne



Dora Gail Tippetts



• Susan Elizabeth Todd



Jerome Demetrius Townsend



Dennis Ray Trevathan



Joseph Neal Tyson



• Jeffrey Grossman Vaughan



Dewanda Kay Vick



Jonathan Vick



Jimmie Tyrone Vines

Senioritis strikes again

Being a senior is like climbing a tall mountain and finally reaching the top

Being a senior is knowing you can sleep late during exam week while the sophomores and juniors cry over bad grades

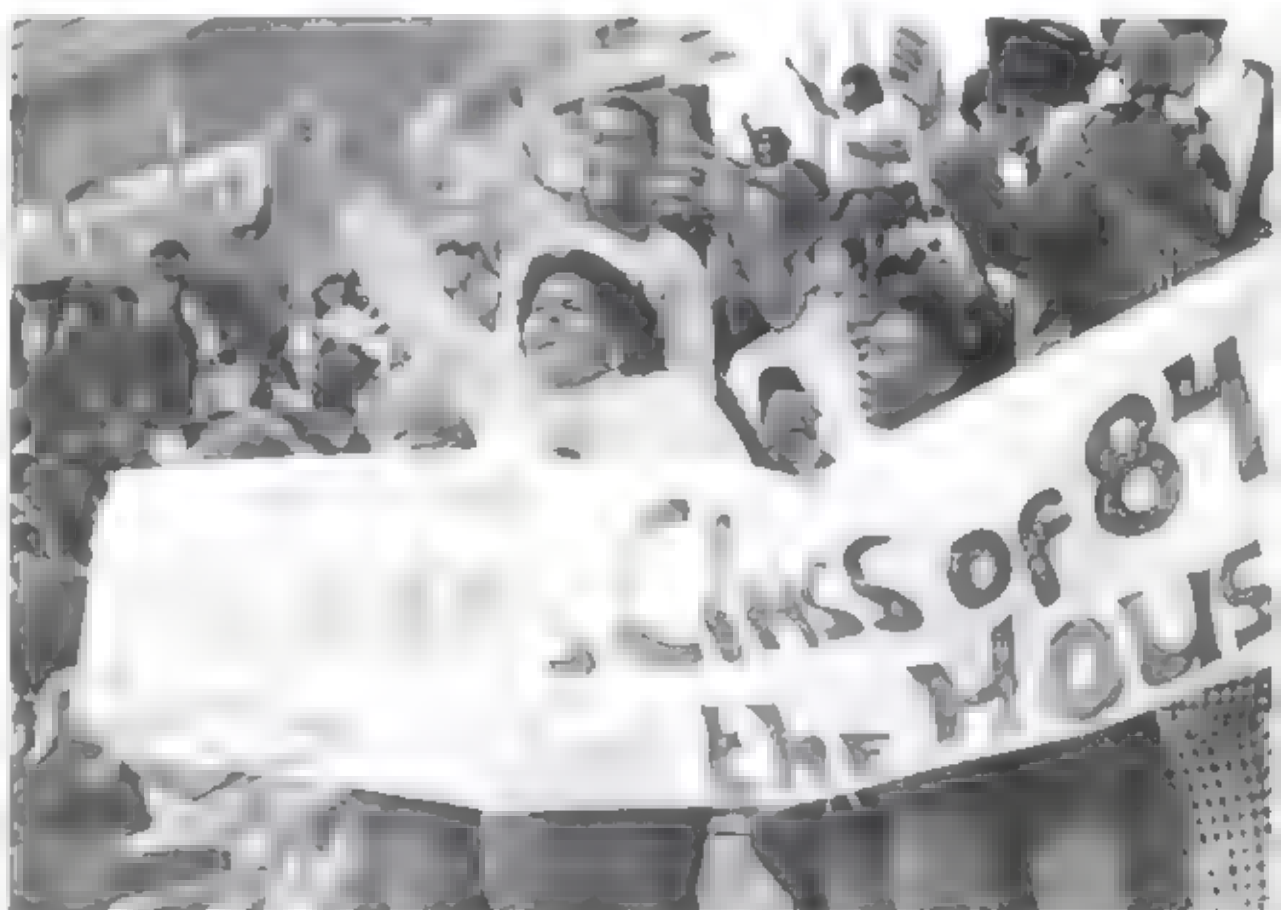
Seniors pull the strings while the underclassmen dangle from them

Being a senior is like reaching the end of the road and not really quite knowing you're ready for the journey to come to an end

Your senior year is when you are at your brokest

A senior is many things: the bottom row of the bleachers, the first to leave during assemblies, the first to arrive at their automobiles each afternoon

Sometimes being a senior means starting the day out in a junior homeroom



© Bradshaw

Don't stop rockin' the house! And stop they didn't. The class of '84 started the year off with a bang and continued through the year's end. Banners, posters, yells, and gestures prevailed throughout halls and haunts long familiar



Lournette Ozella Wade



• Shadia Wahdan



Pamela Jean Walker



Karen Wallace



• Christopher Scott Warner



• Joseph Blake Warren



Donna Alyse Washington



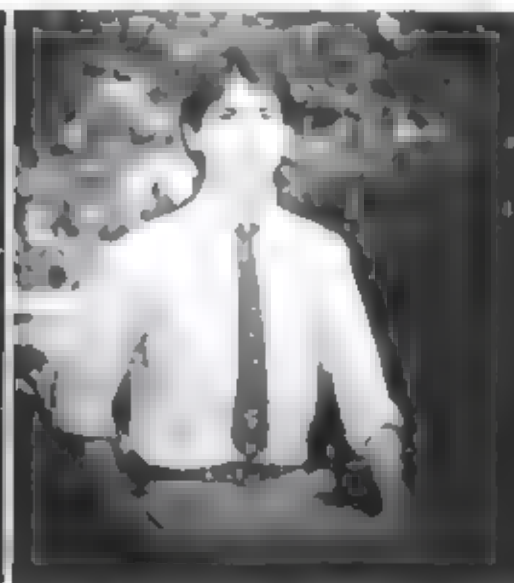
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James Keith Webb



Jimmy Floyd Webb



David Wayne Weeks



James Earl Whitaker



Sharnon Denise White



Frank Delano Whitehead



Zenetta Sue Whittington

Taking a different route

For senior John Sykes, Christmas was a bit different. Instead of the traditional gifts, John received a trip to Peru.

Departing from Raleigh-Durham on January 11, John arrived in Lima, Peru twelve hours later for a visit with his friend, Chess Griffin. The most difficult part of the trip was becoming acclimated to the 90-degree weather.

John visited the ancient Inca ruins, Spanish cathedrals, and many museums. He also enjoyed the beautiful beaches and the Pacific Ocean. The country's coast was dry desert, its mountains, tropical.

"Poverty was very visible, and there were a lot of filthy areas. I had a hard time getting used to the poverty because it is so bad, and the situation is so overwhelming that I soon realized that there was nothing I could do about it. I would give what I could to the poor children and to the old people," John said.

"It was an experience I will never forget. I hope someday to return," John said. Tracey D. Sutton



Courtesy

Traveling the winding roads of Peru, looking at sites familiar previously only through history books senior John Sykes and friend Chess Griffin enjoy an eventful afternoon. During his stay, John's dinner menu included guinea pig, which he declined, corn, rice, potatoes, and raw fish. He also could rely on the Pizza Hut and Kentucky Fried Chicken offerings.



Jacqueline Denise Wiggins



Leonard Lamont Wiggins



Rickey Cornell Wiggins



Charles Roosevelt Wilkins



Jacqueline Juanita Wilkins



Audrey Carol Williams



Bari Williams



Floyd Gerard Williams



Michael Branson Williams



Sherry Lynn Williams



Sonja Ann Williams



Towanda Michelle Williams



Chauncey Lamon Williamson



Holly Ruth Willis



Reginald Van Winstead



Marvin Ledford Wood



Joseph Ray Woodruff



Lenora Wooten



Jennifer Ann Yelverton



Not pictured are: John Quincy Adams, William Lewis Archer, Sylvia Ann Arrington, Marticia Ann Batts, Reginald Deon Bridges, Karen Diane Bryant, Antonio Michael Bynum, Leigh Anne Churchill, Michael Lewis Daniels, Sylvia Dickens, Timothy Draughtn, Carlestone Lee Dunn, Anthony DeForest Dupree, Michael Anthony Ellis, Roy Phale Greene, Loretta Harvey, Anthony Kyle Haskins, John C. Hines, Geoffrey Brandon Hunter, Robert Dee Johnson, Jeffery Garva Jones, Matthew Jones, Gerie Mae Jordan, Tony

Maunce Joyner, Ruby Jean Lane, Arnold Scott Lawing, Anthony Lee, Edith Richardson Little, Douglas Lyons, Kimberly Monette Lyons, William Thorne Mailson, Valerie Catherine Mantas, Janice Marie Mullens, William Davis Norfleet, Elaine Odom, Calvin Todd Pans, Kenneth Ray Parker, Sharon Lorraine Perry, Stephen Louis Powell, Nathaniel Debrull Rainey, Steve Richardson, Valerie Ricks, Jerry Ruffin, Annie Ruth Smith, Terrence Lavern Whittington, Kevin Wilkins, Yvonne D. Wright

From the first pep rally until the last day of the year, the class of '84 and the school spirit committee sought spirit-filled fun

AFTER THE FIRE

To a theater near you

A Blue & Gold Production

G GRYPHON AUDIENCES ONLY

The J.V. cheerleaders
present their routine to
"Beat It" during a pep rally



M. Futrell

Keeping abreast of the
latest news, juniors
Patricia Pittman, Marcus
Leathers, Lena Battle, Tif
McCart, and Chris Lynch
read *The Gryphon*

Starring: The Class of '85

"Oh, yes. The fire. Though other sources seem to believe the fire was The Class of '84 or somehow, therein affiliated, we prefer to assume a somewhat contrary stand as to the origin of the aforementioned cataclysm. We think the Soviets did it!"

— U.S. Feuds & World Retort

"The Production is doubleplusgood. The class of '84 is a tough act to follow, but the youths handle the role well. Big Brother is doubleplusunmad."

— Newspeak Magazine

"Well, guys, this is it! We had our day in the sun. Now, it's your turn. Good luck in your remaining year(s) at the High, and continue the search for the gold."

— The Class of '84

Co-starring: The Class of '86

"Hottest show ever to hit the silver screen. These young people are really great. They face all their problems with a brand of optimism seldom exhibited in youth."

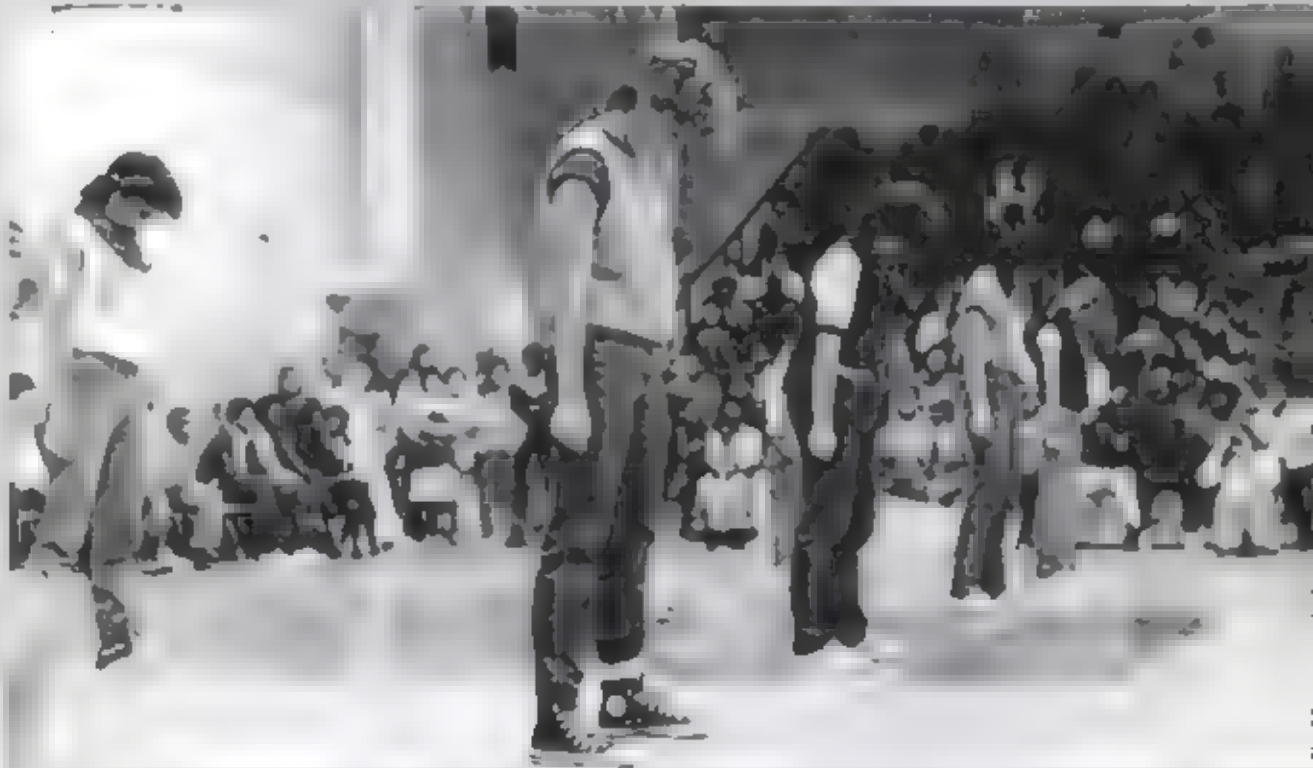
— Thyme Magazine

"The show is so engrossing that it leaves you on the edge of your seat . . . A real class act."

— WE Magazine

"Fire? Was there a fire? Who started it? Either yet, who put out this alleged fire? What was the extent of the damages? Anyone killed? Why weren't we informed . . . ?"

— The National Inquirer



During Christmas, junior
Marti Mucci and
sophomore Maria Bissette
exchange gifts



M. Futrell

It 'ain't' as easy as it seems!

The elevator ascends and suddenly you realize that you're stuck between floors. Below you is the lawnmower and fertilizer level. Above you is the fine china and silver level. Of course, the department store is actually Senior High.

After all of the struggling and shoving to earn an identity, you, the class of '85 pushed yourself from your previously low level to an in-between stage. You have finally made it through your sophomore school year and now you are juniors. But being in-between is not all that glamorous, or is it? According to some juniors it's not so bad.

"I enjoyed my sophomore year, but my junior year is a whole lot better," junior Joe Fish stated.

However, the struggle is not yet over. Slowly but surely you will push yourselves to the bright and shining level — the highest level. But we all remember that pushing to the top is a struggle and "it ain't easy!" Mary Futrell



M. Futrell

In the spirit, juniors Kim Sturdivant and Angela Franklin visit Santa during the Christmas holidays



•Teresa Abrams
•Joan Adams
•Sheryl Adams
•Teresa Adams
•Gilbert Allford
•Freddie Allen
•Angela Alston
•Robert Alston

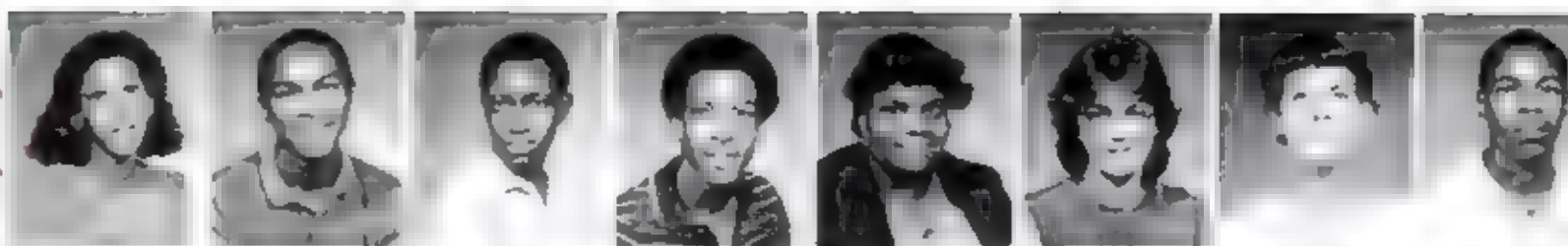
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•Andy Anderson
•Deborah Anderson
•Sherry Andrews
•Steve Armstrong
•Joe Arnold
•Jhana Arrieta
•James Arrington

•Tonya Arrington
•Rainey Astin
•James Avent
•Neil Avent
•Thad Bailey
•Jill Baker
•Tressie Baker
•Ralph Banning

•Betty Bartfield
•Donald Barnes
•Jeffrey Barnes
•Joy Barnes
•Lisa Barnes
•Sherrod Barnes
•Susan Barwick
•Steve Bastian

•Brad Batchelor
•Bridgette Battle
•Joe Battle
•Kenneth Battle
•Lena Battle
•Marcus Battle
•Nichelle Battle
•Ray Battle

Sarita Battle
 Tim Battle
 Tyrone Battle
 Ernie Batts
 Sandra Batts
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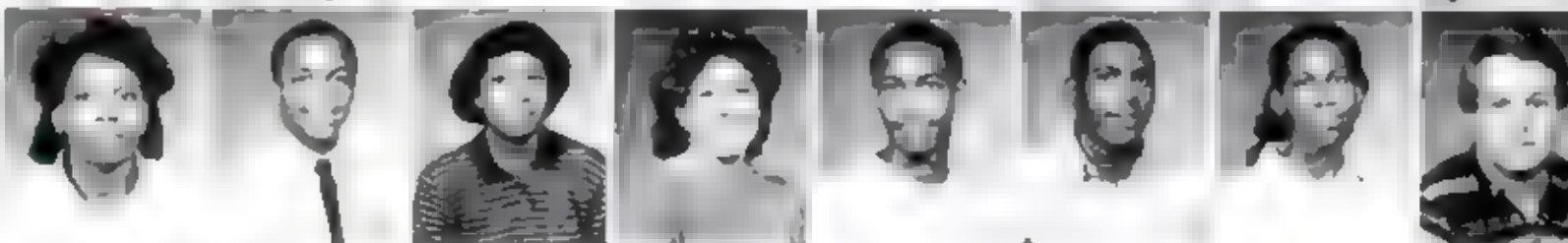
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 Tommy Braswell
 Dale Bridges
 Nichelle Bridges



Sherry Bridges
 Arnold Brinkley
 Eleanor Brown
 George Brown
 Hope Brown
 Lavinia Brown
 Tonya Brown
 Karen Bryant



Donna Bullard
 Cedric Bullock
 Hope Bulluck
 Kimberly Bulluck
 Jeff Bullock
 Jerome Bulluck
 Lisa Bullock
 Thomas Bullock



What exactly is a junior?

A junior is the top layer of a cake waiting to become the icing

— Joylette Whitaker

a leader of the sophomores but a follower of the seniors

— Karen Cantrell

A junior is a senior to a sophomore, but a junior is a sophomore to a senior

— Crissie Curtis

Juniors are considered excellent partiers when compared to sophomores

— Joe Fish

Being a junior is like being stuck in an elevator between floors. But all is not lost. The elevator only goes up!

— Dorothy Batts

A junior is the middle crew that is gonna rock the year through!

— Tammi Bynum

A junior makes things happen!

— Sandy Roberson

A junior is a seven on a scale from one to ten

— James Tharin



Think! Junior committee members ponder over a theme for the prom

M. Futra



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Lynn Butler
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Lloyd Bynum
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Thomas Bynum
Timothy Bynum

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Cassandra Cherry
David Cherry
•Juan Chesson
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Carol Conway
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•Elizabeth Cooper

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Trava Davis
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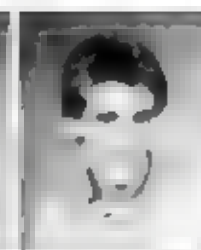
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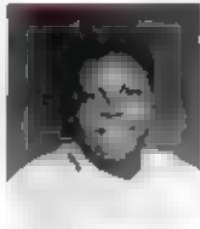
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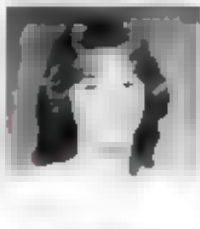
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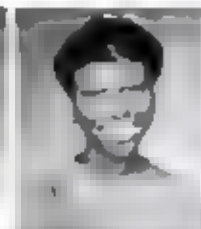
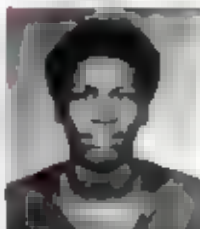
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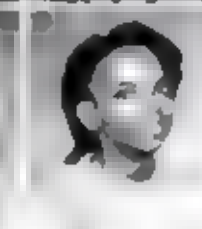
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Wanda Langston
Linwood Lawrence
Valerie Lawrence
Marcus Leathers



Nancy Lee
Darrell Leonard
Brian Lindsey
Stephen Locke
Kelly Lower
Charnette Lynch
Chris Lynch
Leatrice Lyons



Baby Face

Keys — "I have
my driver's
license. Really
I do."

Buttons —
Juniors tried to
convince you that
they liked being
juniors.

SAT books —
Why did they
find it necessary
to carry around
an entire library?

Backpack —
Juniors tried to
get an early start
on being seniors.

Duck shoes —
Even when the
weather was fair,
they wore 'em.

D. BATTIS



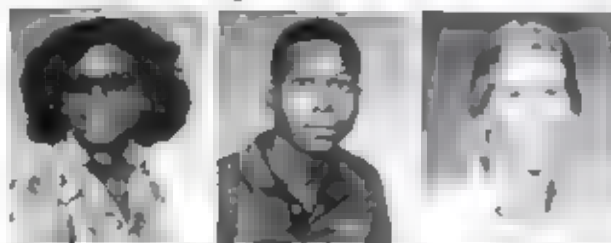
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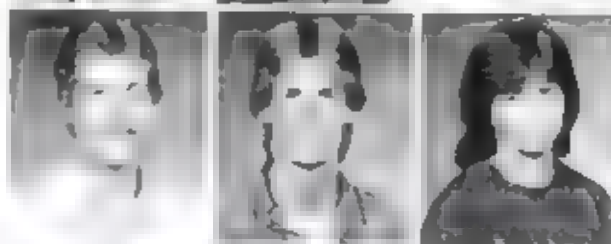
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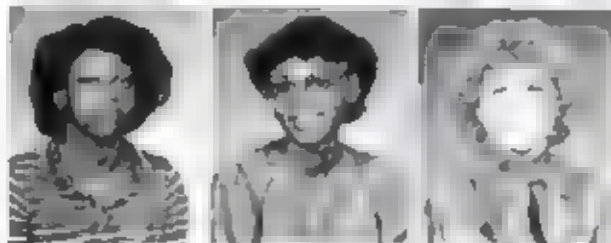
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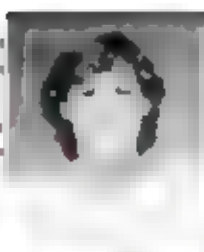


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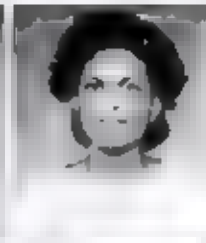
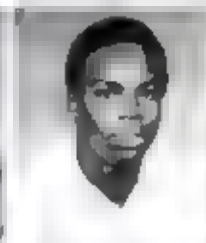


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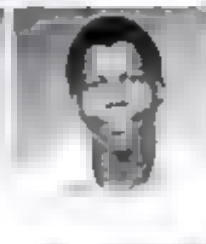
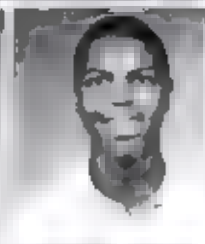
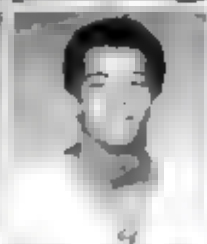
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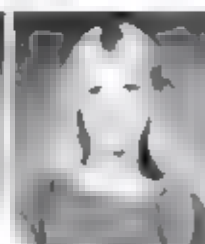
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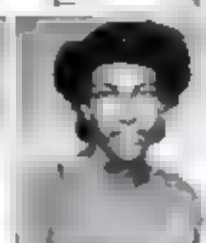
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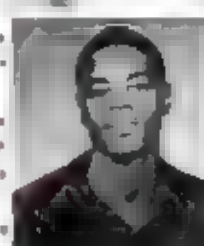
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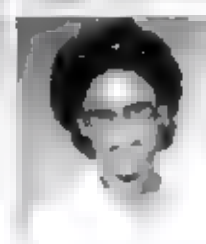
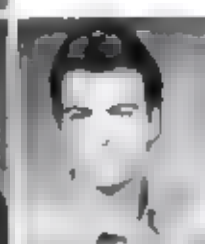
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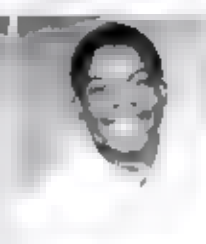
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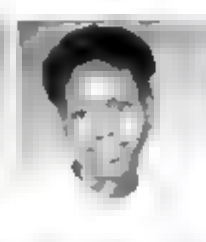
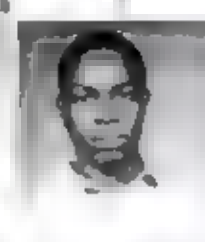
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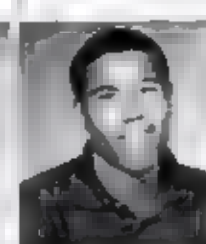
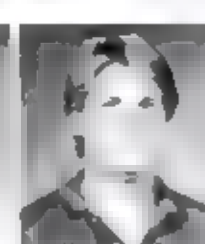
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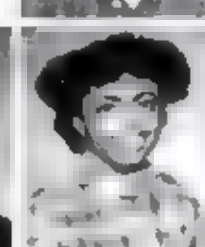
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Michelle Vick
Clay Wagner
Lila Wadman
Arthur Walker
Troy Warner



Cecily Watson
Sam Watts
Tonya Weaver
Mike Webb
Matthew Westcott
Angela Whitaker
James Whitaker
Joylette Whitaker





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Calvin Whitehead
Ron Whitehead
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John Williams
Keley Williams
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Olle Williams

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Monte Winstead
Shoane Winstead

Donald Winston
Pam Winston
Cindy Wise
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Ray Woodruff
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Willie Moore, Ronald Nelson, Trevis Perry, Terry Pittman, Tyrone Pride, Tommy Tillery, Troy Warner, Donald Whitaker, Harry White, Warren White, Denise Whitehead, Sherry Whitehead, Ken Wilkins, and Michael Wright

Junior class officers pave the way



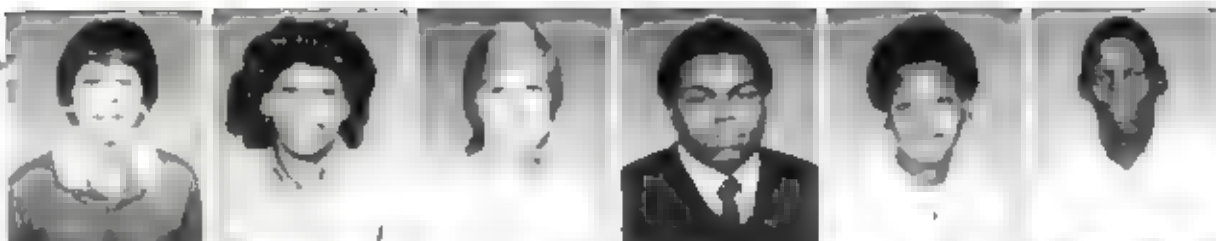
Junior class officers are Sandy Roberson, treasurer, first semester and secretary, second semester; Carmen Coley, treasurer, second semester; Darrell

Leonard, vice president, first semester. Not pictured: Joylette Whitaker, president, first semester; Jeff Bullock, secretary, first semester and vice president,

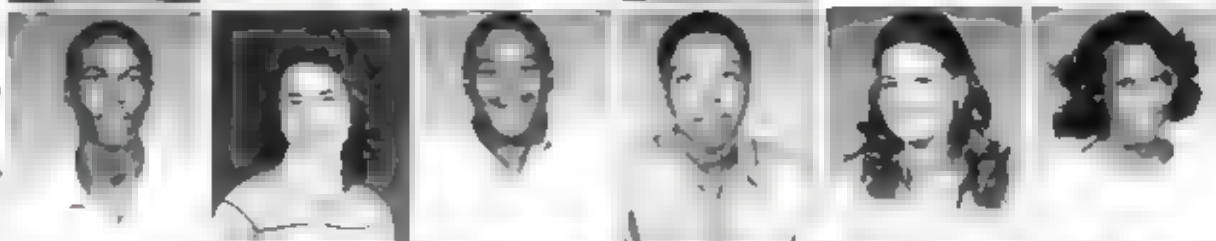
second semester; and Cecily Watson, president, second semester. Advisors are Mrs. Linda Williams and Mrs. Martha Lewis.

D. Sazama

Chuck Adcock
Tania Alford
Kathy Alhusen
Louise Allen
Sharon Allen
Tim Allen



Rodney Alston
Brenda Anderson
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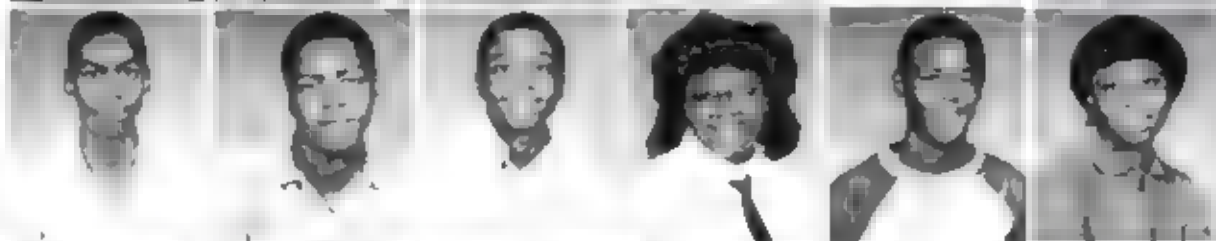
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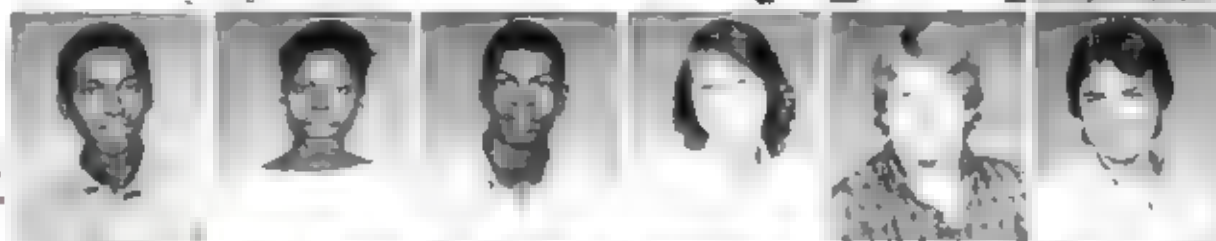
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Brian Braswell
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Make-up — "I
raided the Rose's
cosmetics
center

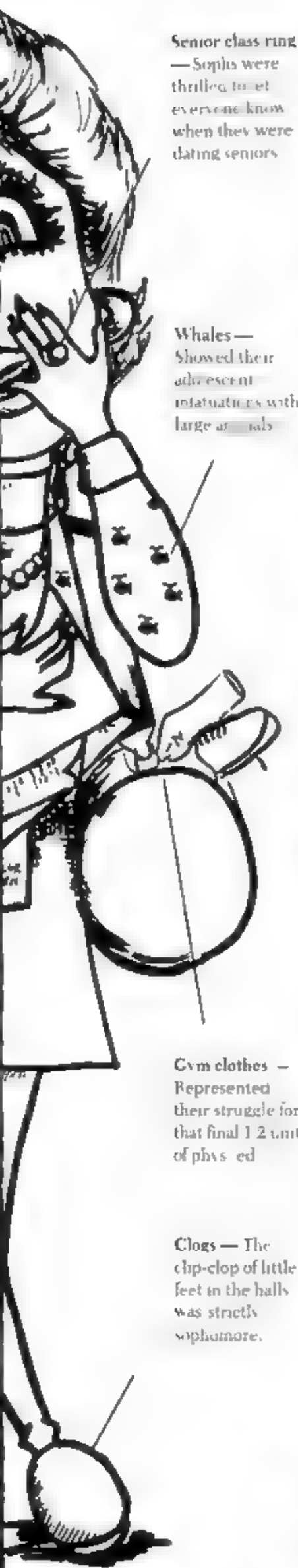


Add-a-beads —
Sophs were not
aware that prep
died long ago



Monograms —
Hey world My
name is





Senior class ring — Sophs were thrilled to let everyone know when they were dating seniors

Whales — Showed their adolescent relationships with large animals

Gym clothes — Represented their struggle for that final 1/2 unit of phys ed

Clogs — The chip-clop of little feet in the halls was strictly sophomore.



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Loretta Bryant
Kenneth Bullard
• Gardenia Bulluck
George Bunn

• Kim Bunn
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• T p Burgess
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• Allen Daniels
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Belinda Davis

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Daphne Davis
Earl Davis
Elbert Davis
• James Davis
Pete Davis

Survival of the fittest

"Take a left, go up the elevator to the third floor, and turn the corner. There, you will find the gym. Make sure to glance at the indoor swimming pool to your right as you enter the back hall." This could have been the typical reply to uncertain sophomores when asking for directions during the first week of school.

Five hundred and forty-seven sophomores strong, the class of '86 descended upon 306 S. Tillery Street in August. Conditioned to being at the top of the George R. Edwards pedestal, sophomores found themselves low on the Senior High scale, even though they sat on the top rows of the bleachers in the gym.

Gathering a bit of strength, a little courage and a great deal of wit, sophomores interpreted their class schedules, located their classrooms, took the wheel of the driver's education automobile and became spirited Gryphons. They sold magazines, built floats and even dressed up in the garments of children, all for the sake of their new school. Sophomores soon learned that "only the strong survive." **Mary Futrell**



L. Lancaster

"You've got the cutest little baby face!" Sophomores Holly Daniels, Alice Wicker and Heather Smith show their enthusiasm on the traditional Baby Day.

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Willie Davis
Cynthia Deans
Edons Deans
Hatley Deans
Todd Dettman
Darrell Dickens
Mary Alice Dickens

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Tarsha Dortch
Donald Dunlap
William Dunn
Sammy Dunston
Calado Dupree
Deanna Eatmon
Lisa Eatmon

Carvin Edmondson
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Cheryl Edwards
Jerry Edwards
John Eilers
Paul Eilers
Kimberly Eisenman

Elwood Eley
Debra Elingburg
Kristin Elliott
Scott Elliott
Donald Ellis
Douglas Ennis
Sam Ethendge
Melinda Everette

James Ezzell
Gienda Ezzell
Lisa Fagala
Melissa Farmer
Rachei Farmer
Shera Farmer
Willie Farmer
Cheryl Farrar





Rhonda Fields
Julian Fisher
Amanda Fleming
•Chris Fly
Chris Ford
Corey Ford
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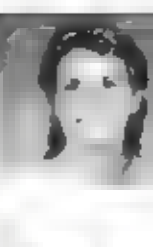
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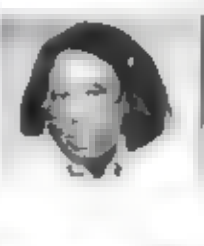
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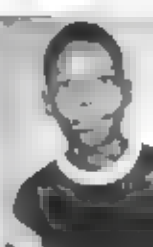
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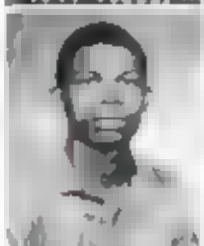
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Lois Lynch
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Tommy Manning
Willis Martin
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Randy McAister
Sarah McAister



Sophomores polish up their act



Sophomore class officers are Mrs Barbara Pierce adviser Denise Wiggins treasurer second semester Ron Hamm president, first semester and vice president,

second semester Kim Hines secretary, first semester and president, second semester and Willie Rountree vice president, first semester Not pictured Felana Wilson

treasurer first semester Laumette Grant secretary second semester Mrs Charlotte Holloway, adviser



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Sandra McClain
Andy McClure
Tiant McCoy
Kimberly Mebane
James Medina
Pam Melton

Cedric Mercer
Erika Mercer
Jeffery Mercer
Theresa Mercer
• Walt Mercer
• John Merritt
Sonia Merritt
• Dennis Minnick

• Aretha Moore
Arietha Moore
Cassandra Moore
Curie Moore
Jeffrey Moore
Keith Moore
Ray Moore
Juanita Morgan

Bonnie Morris
• Michael Morris
Michere Morrow
Nathaniel Moses
• Bridgitte Mosley
• Tyler Nevins
John Nicholson
Willie Norfleet

• Frank Norton
Tracy Norville
Calvin Norwood
• Brad Parham
Angela Parker
Garney Parker
Gloria Parker
James Parker

Terry Parker
Tony Parker
• Cindy Parrish
• Stephanie Pate
• John Patrick
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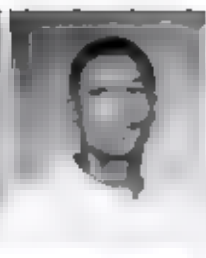
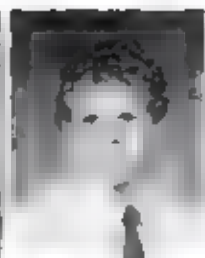
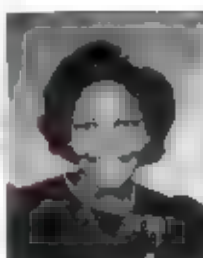
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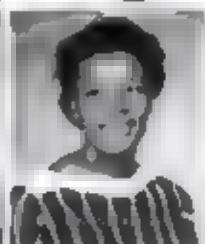
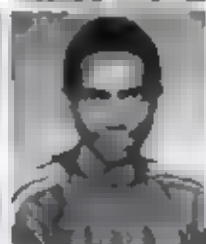
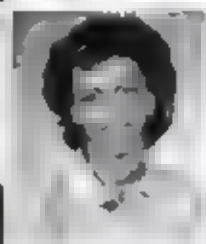
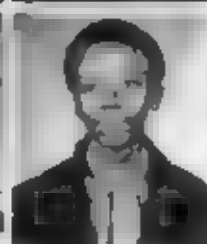
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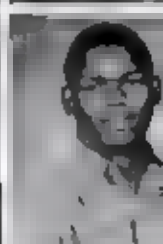
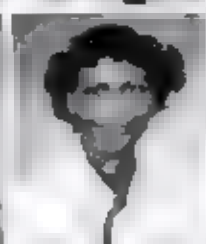
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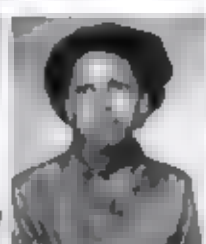
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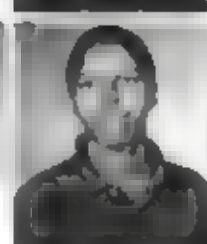
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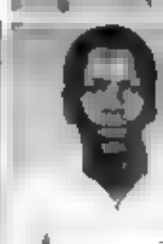
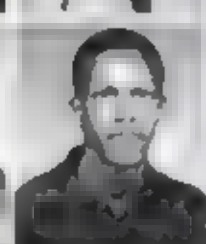
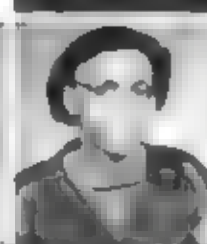
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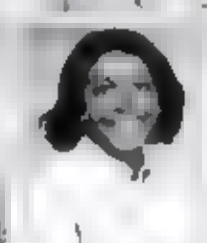
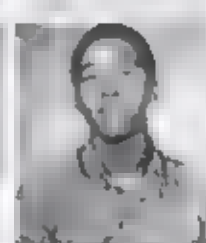
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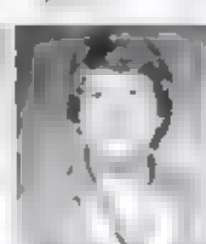
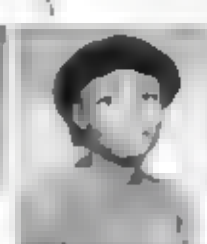
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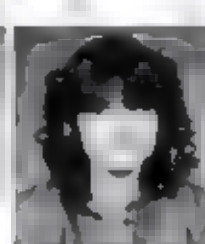
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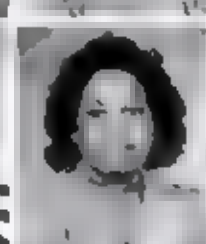
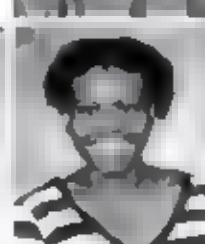
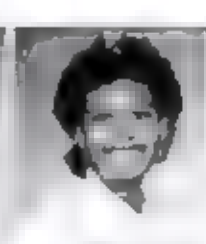
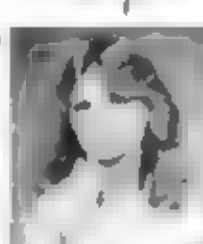
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Sign of the times. Sophomores were reminded of
their proper position in the Gryphone hierarchy.
This salutation welcomed incoming sophomores to
their first day at school.

Soffa — what?

A sophomore is thought of as number three

A sophomore is like a frightened chicken —
afraid to come out of its coop

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steps of the wise

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gether

There's no pain like being forgotten on the
first day at RMISH!

Sophomores are like armless monkeys — they
can't hang

"Our greatest glory consists in not ever falling
but in rising every time we fall

Sophomores are like flies — you shoo them
away but they keep coming back

"What on earth would man do with himself
if something did not stand in his way?"

Sophomores are like bubble gum stuck on
your shoe — they're always at your heels

A sophomore is a vital step in becoming a
senior

A sophomore is a person to whom you give
a school map and he asks you how to read it

"The greatest thing in this world is not so
much where we stand, as in what direction
we are moving."

Sophomores are like Timex's; they take a
licking but keep on ticking

Sophomores are what make going to
school a fun event

"The greatest pleasure in life is doing what
people say you cannot do"

"The journey of a thousand miles begins
with one step . . ." We've just begun

We're still working on all the right moves!

Brentley S. Fitham (Scott) 11-7-11-11 I knew it!

Well, it gives me great pleasure to sign this book of yours. Especially since I got to keep it in my pocket. Even though I haven't known you that well for very long and you only wrote a little thingy about my book I guess I could find it in my heart to sign it anyway. I think you are a really sweet and "special" guy and I'll really miss you this summer while you're in Texas. You'd better write me and give me your address. I'll be hurt if you don't. I've really enjoyed getting to know you a lot better this year. I've had some really great times at the beach and at Bible Study. I really appreciate all of your support and concern through my little

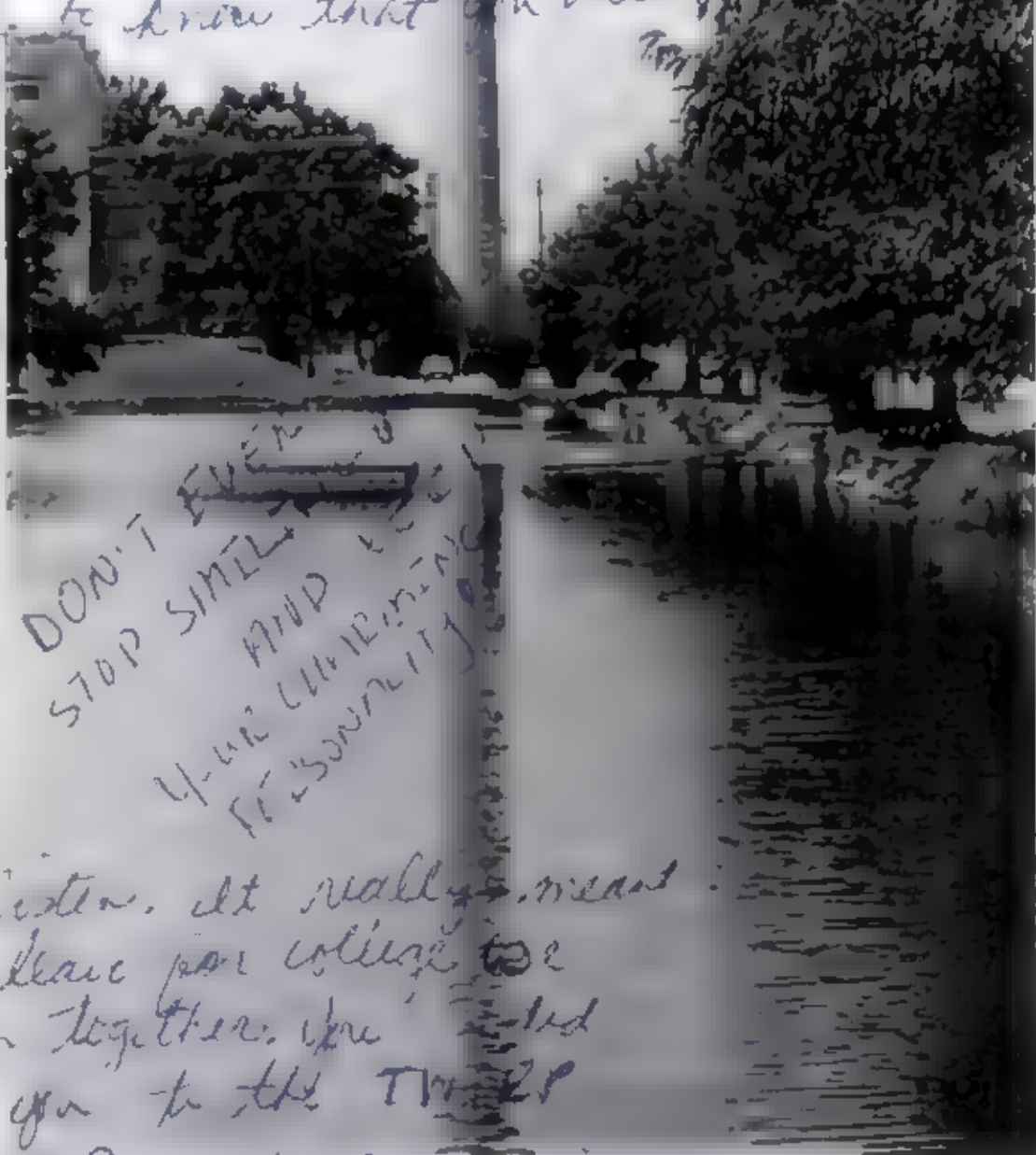
Rocky Mount businesses have provided both moral and financial support for area schools for years. Whether it be for the general concern for the town's students or for the purchasing power of 1500 students, over 100 faculty and staff members, and many thousands of relatives and friends, the businesses of Rocky Mount generously contributed to every phase of the school's activities.

Hardee's continued their support of the Marching Band with their sale of "band bucks." Mama Jean's provided trophies, pizza, and other rewards for the athletic teams. Hundreds of businesses placed ads in the *Ill-Noc-Ar* and *Gryphon*.

More than 25,000 people flocked to the Down East Festival in October. With the opening of the new Highway 64 bypass may come an influx of some of the 40% of the nation's population who live within a 500-mile radius of Rocky Mount (83 million people) but the businesses realize that their truest customers remain those connected with the city's schools and the schools of Nash and Edgecombe Counties.

there for me and willing to listen. It really meant a lot to me. Maybe before you leave for college we could go out and have some fun together. You told me down when I invited you to the Tramp dance so you owe me one, right? My name said that you were a great person to talk over problems with so call me sometime and I'll tell you all my problems and maybe you can help me find the answers. I really wish

you didn't have to go off this summer because I really like to spend some time with you. You could teach me how to



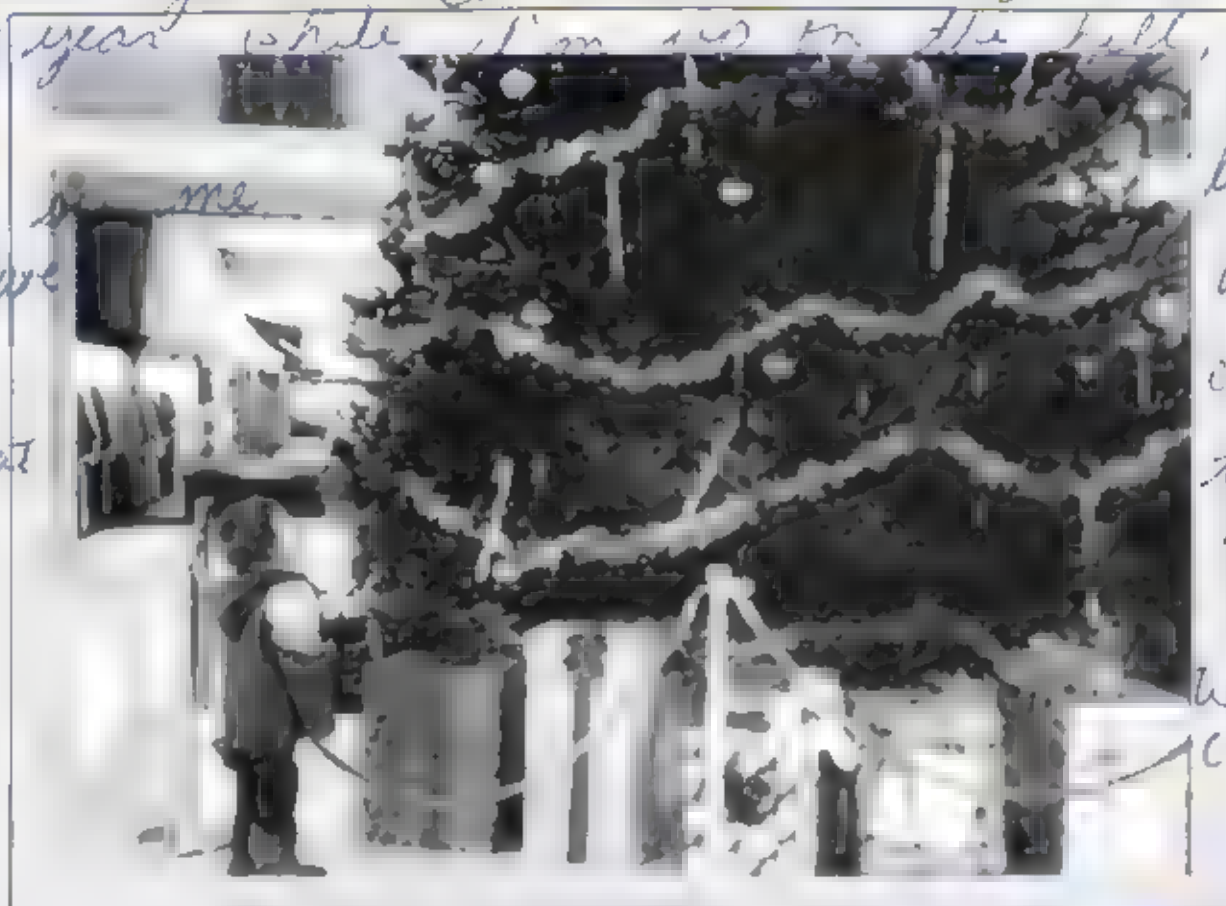
D. Szalma

A long-familiar sight to Rocky Mount people, the smokestack at City Lake towers against the sky.

go on a health food diet I've always thought that it was weird that you and Joel were brothers because he ~~was~~ is the big stud and you are the considerate, understanding caring guy that you are. I think those qualities are alot better! Next year while I'm up on the hill, you de

th wonder in his eyes, youngster gazes at the e at Tarrytown Mall.

better come and miss you alot, Have senior year and the tradition that I started,



For the first time in more than a decade a Senior High student, senior Greer Bowen, leads the Christmas parade

because it'll be a wonderful continue the class of STUDY LESS! PARTY MORE! WE'RE THE CLASS OF 84!

T. Sutton

Good tradition huh! Stay sweet, cute and don't break too many hearts next year! Keep your PANIS ON!



I LOVE you!

Kindly
Dawn
Pierce

P.S. Don't forget to give me your address

I ll miss you!

Spunky

Stay in touch the always.
May had better follow you always and never catch up to you!

I will need anyone to talk to, remember, "I'll be there" (on there song) (Sally)

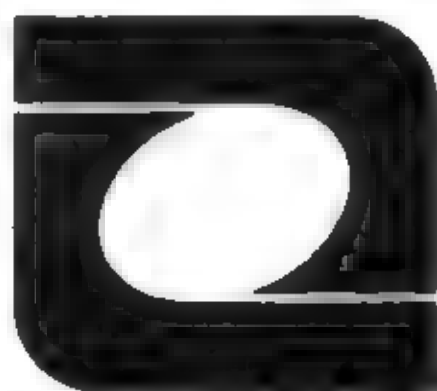


Miriam Esperanza points out the advantages of Converse shoes to Tiffany Lujan.



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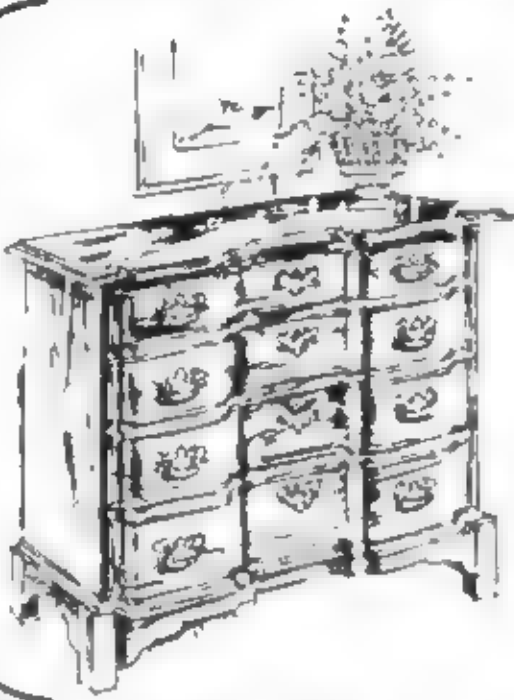
Well bud, one more year and the future's ours. This year has really been great. I'll never forget the wild and crazy moments we've had so far. Like the telephone booth, the moving car wash that we invented that also

washes the owner! HA! HA!

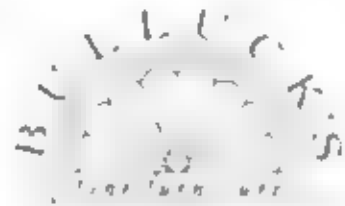
And all of the innocent by-standers.

Poor things, they never knew what hit them until they started dripping and

started freezing. HA! Well bxb, you have a wild time in Texas! I know you want let me down! And when you come back, you might as well keep the top down 'na' our objects can fly better! HA! Well, take care!



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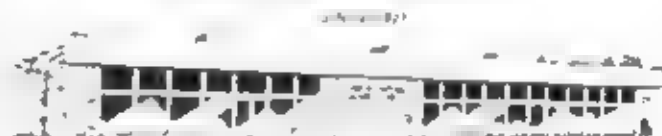
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for imagination. Oh well! Enough about the picture, now
to the important thing, you. I'm so glad that we have
become good friends this year. Now I know all of the
fun that I was missing when I did not know you.
You always make things "peppy" I love your sense of
humor and just your personality! You always add
a special touch of excitement to everything that you
do.

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Brentley will have to say if I really know
you. I'm so glad to visit new people. I'm so

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that we visited us at the house. We really enjoyed
your company because

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have been the
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will be
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hopefully we will have some classes together next
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Please come to see me. I will be upset if I don't
see you a lot. Good night and take care!

Love ya lots,
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but maybe things will get better.

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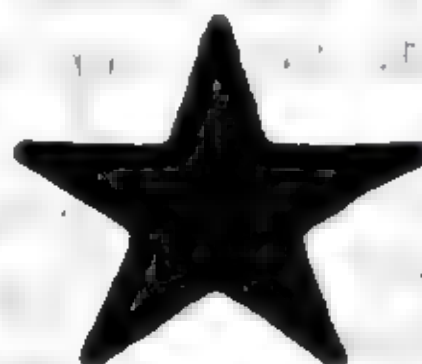
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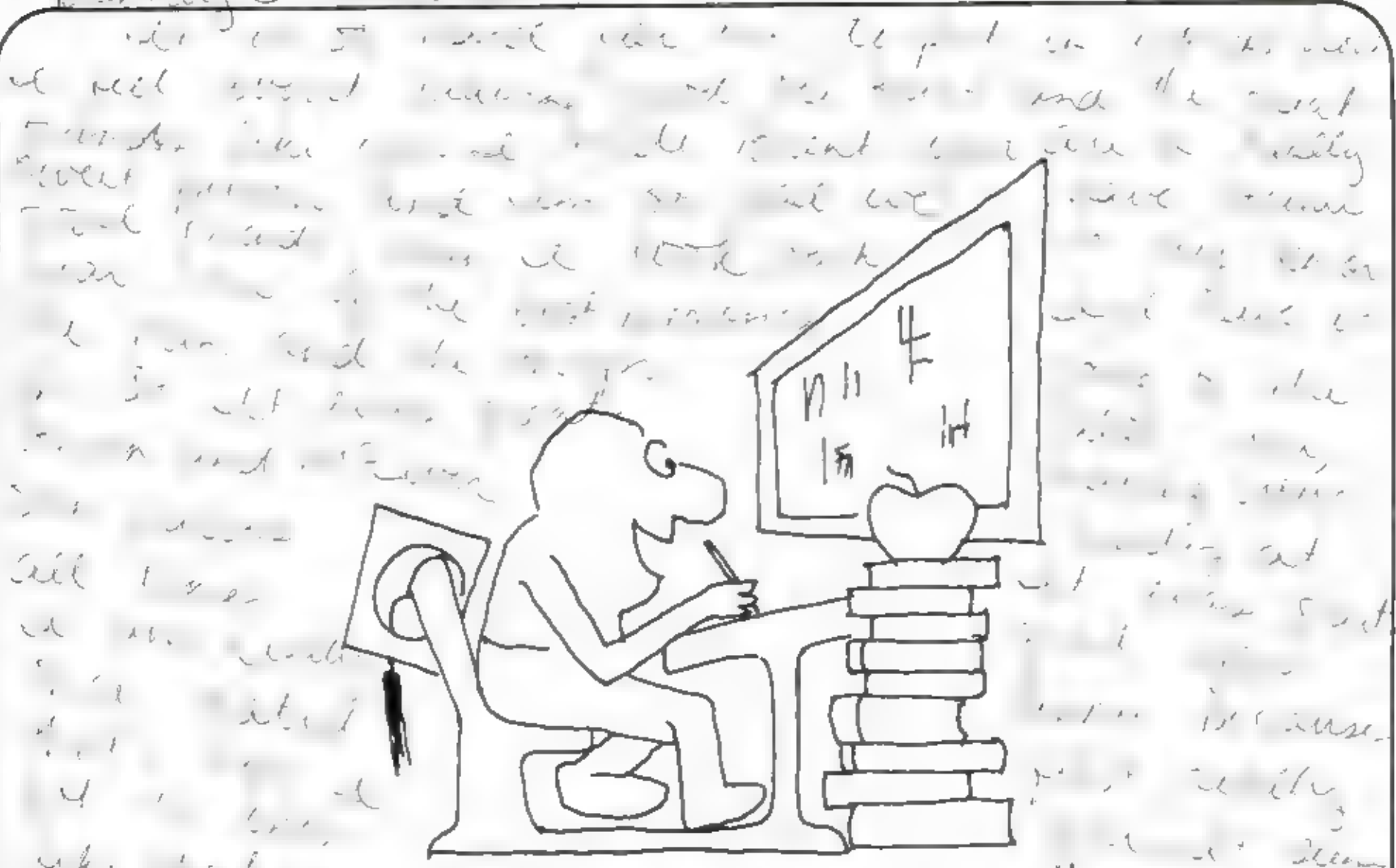
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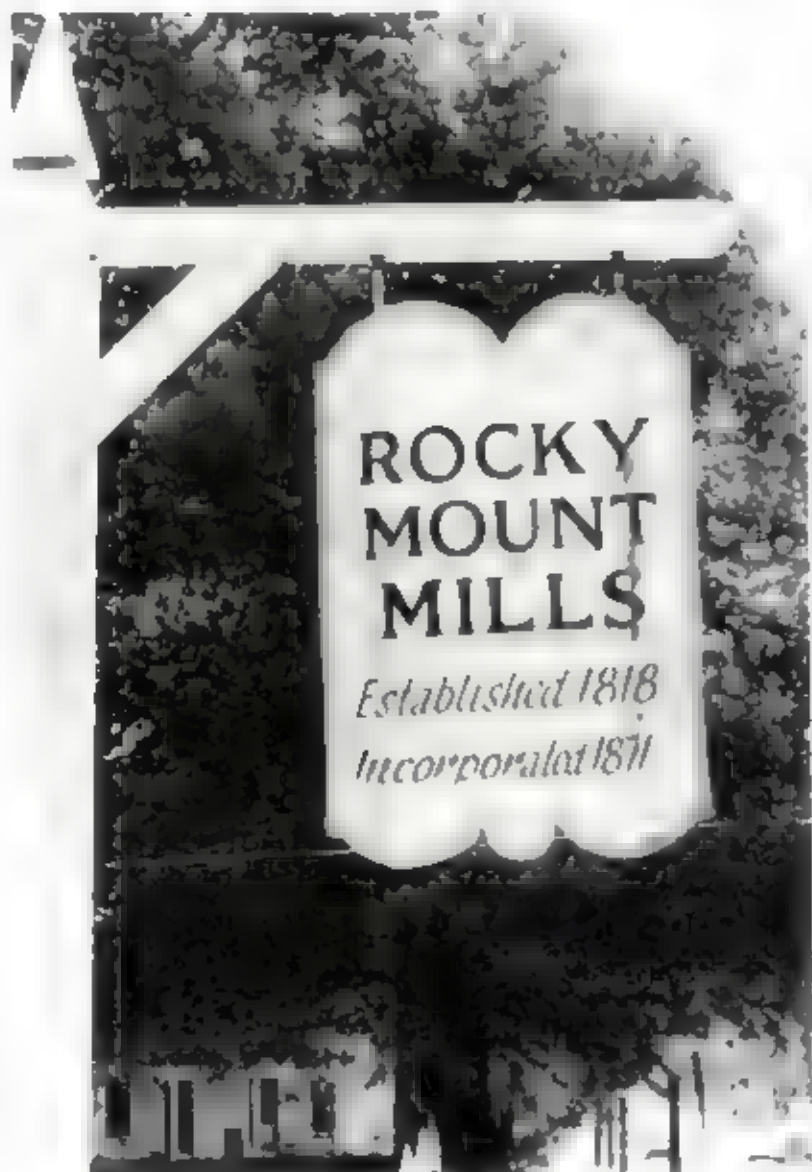
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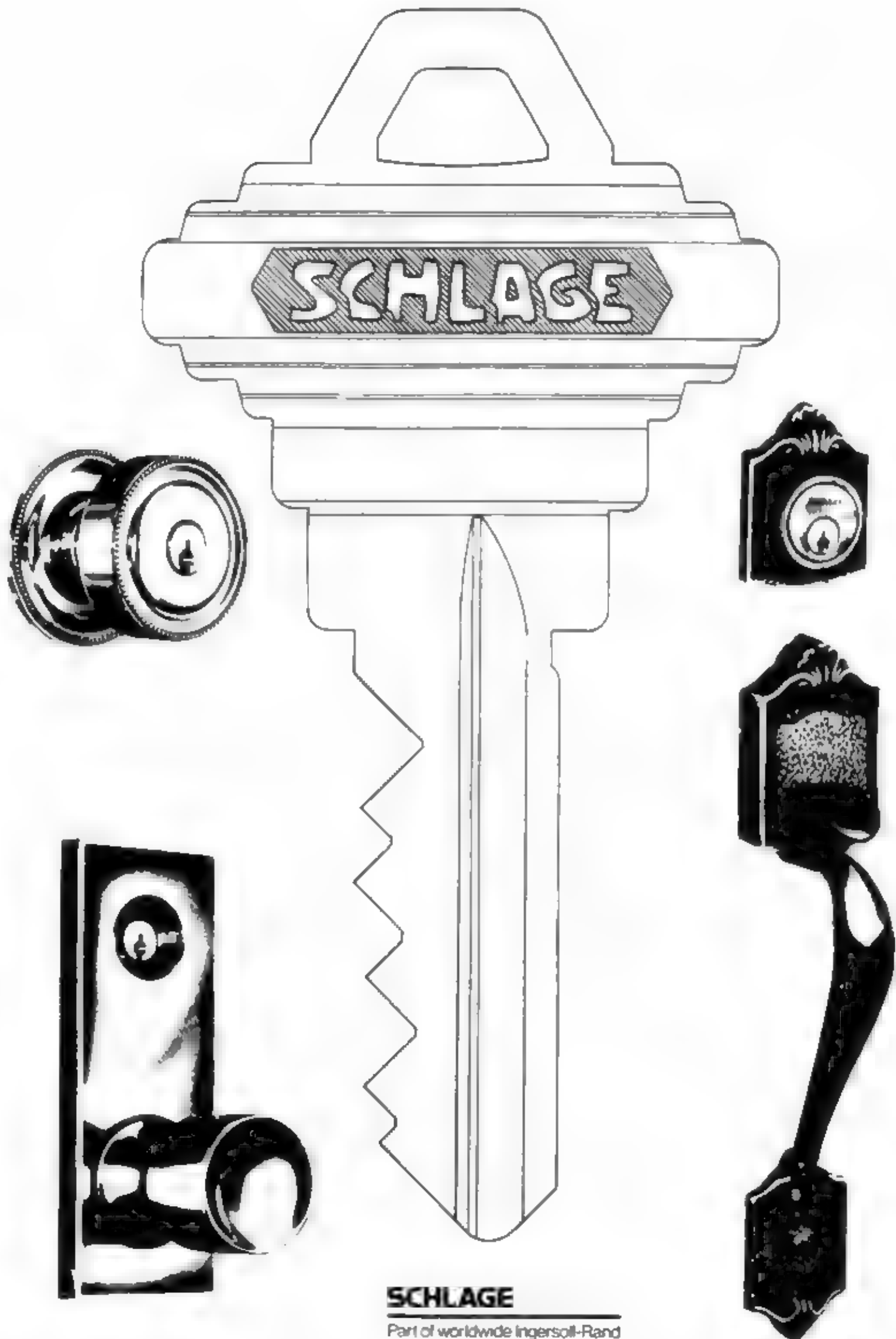
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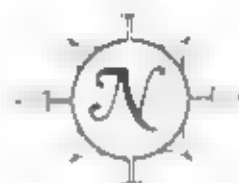
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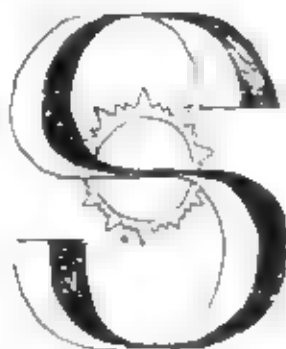
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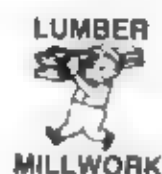
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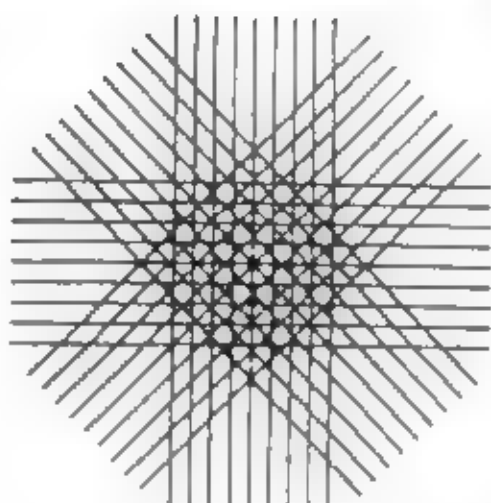
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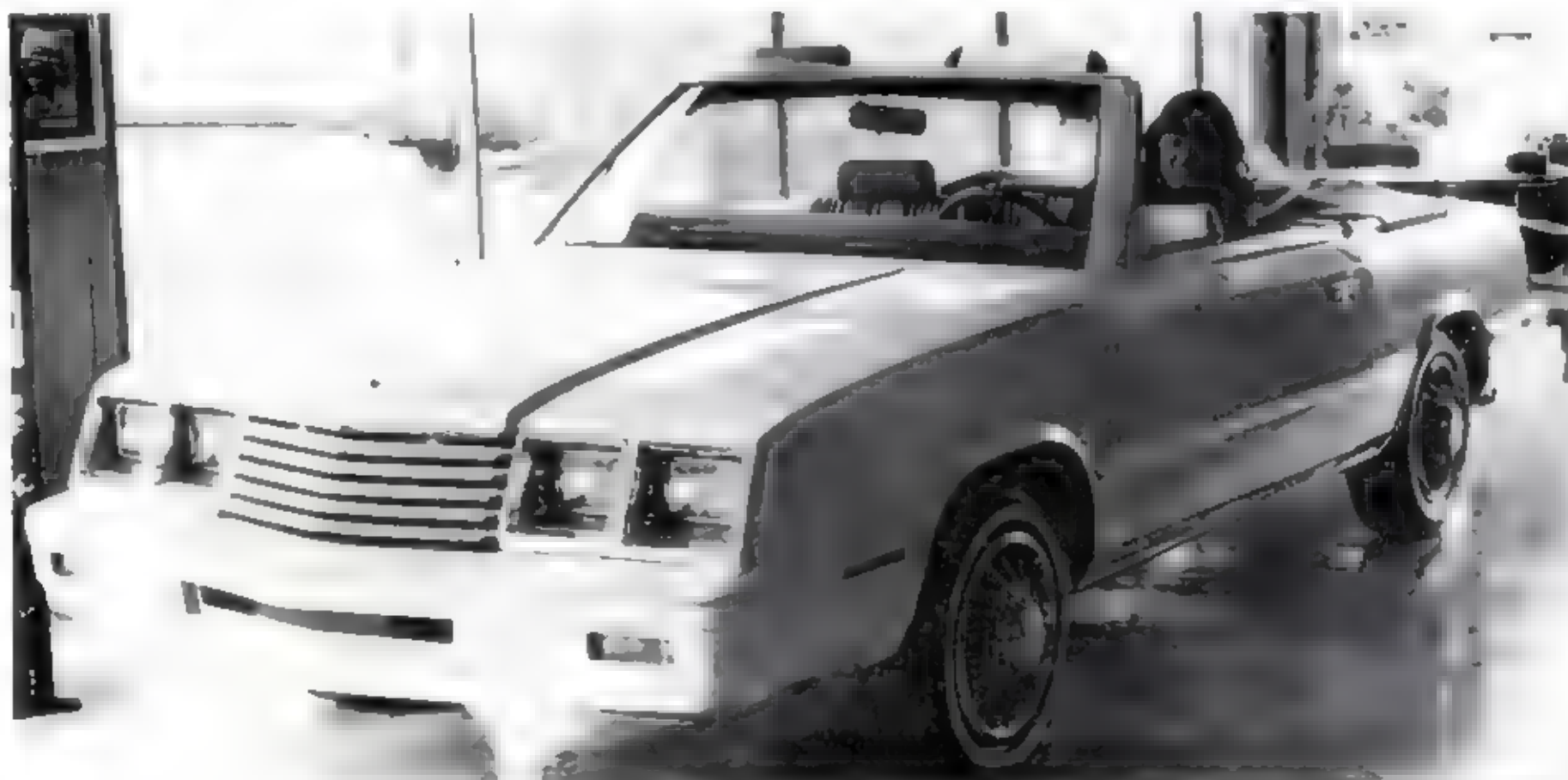
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 become good friends. I hope we always remain
 friends + hope that our friendship continues to
 grow. You are a real special guy and I am
 sure you'll be successful in any of your future
 endeavors. You have a kind
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 with everyone and they feel good.
 This summer or I will have to kick your duke.
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Especially you - a special guy - that I am so glad I
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"There are so many things I like about being a photographer. One benefit is that I get into all the games free. But I guess the part I

like most is taking pictures of beautiful girls. It's a good way to meet 'em," said senior Andy Brown.

Staff photographers spent hours in the darkroom to come up with the finished products in the *Gryphon* and *Hi-Noc-Ar*. Of course, there are pictures that never make the final cut. Some of these pictures, we have chosen to share with you.



Journalism photographers are seniors Andy Brown, Reggie Alston, Connie Bradshaw, and juniors Ricky Marks and Ken Hicks. Not pictured are: James Tharin, Mike Baker, Damian Sazama, Jody Moore, Richard Barrone, West Riddick, Jeff Vaughan.

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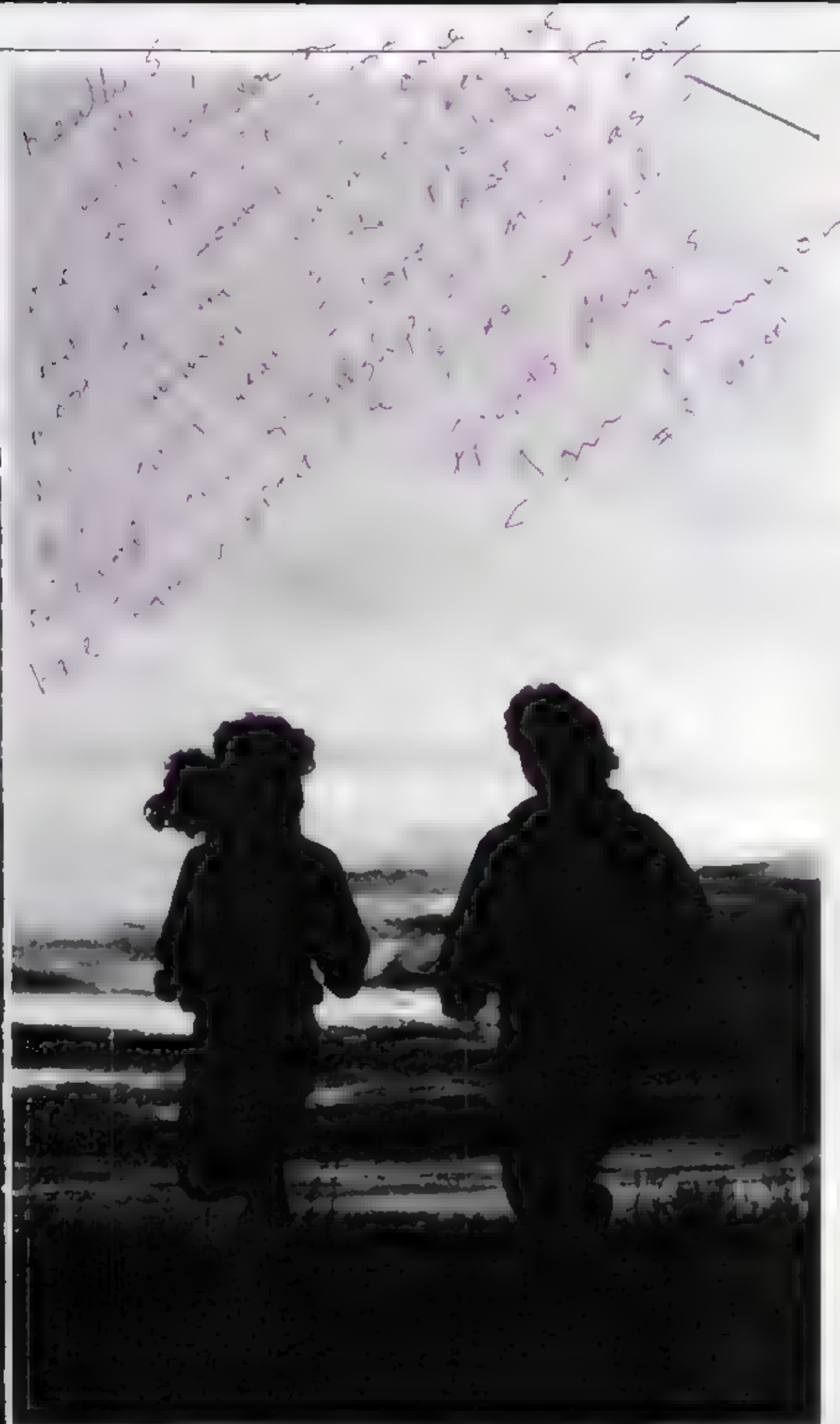
Following the band's win in Tennessee, senior Jenean Coppedge and juniors Jennifer Hawkins and Sherry Hendricks are congratulated by sophomore John Haney

D. Szarma



The varsity cheerleaders put on a show to spark a victory for the basketball team

J. Train



A. Brown

release the tensions of a long day, junior Marti Mucci and sophomore Eleanor Ramey take a jog

Passing the torch

As the evening sun melts onto the horizon and as the final light of day pans into darkness the race nears its end. The struggles, though not all victories, diminish in the shadows. The search for the gold is fulfilled.

Tomorrow we will run faster. Tomorrow we will be stronger. Tomorrow another dream will triumph over today's defeats. But, for now, the search is ended; the torch — passed. May the flame never die. May the dream forever live in us . . . Dorothy A. Batts

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Brentley S. Kirkham,

Well - 1 down + 1 to go! Brentley this year has definitely been peachy, from day 1:11 now. You have really added excitement to my days. We've had some great times. Especially the beach, the times at the beach will never be forgotten! Thanks for being my ^{"4"}conscientious. Thanks for going with me to the Twirp - I had an excellent time! You are one of the neatest guys I know. I never see you without a smile on your face and you are always friendly to everybody. You are always concerned about other peoples problems and never bother others with yours. And to top it off, you could make anyone laugh! You're just an all around super guy and I'm so glad we're such close friends. I hope our friendship continues to grow. Please call and come by this summer. We'll all have to take a few roadtrips to the Beach!

25 Do you want any lasagne?

Luv ya,

Alicia L. Johnson

G/y
V/y!
V/y!

Brent,

It's got to be a better year next year. Not saying that this year was so bad. It's just that we're going to raise more in two of your classes this year. We really enjoyed being in two of your classes this year. Well don't what to say, but don't throw anyone going to hang on the rack. Have a great summer and try to stay out of trouble.

Yours always,
Kent Gite

Dear BB. (Bible Study)

Yes, I am sorry too that we have become friends so late in the year, but it's as they say... Better late than never. I am glad that I finally got to know your fun and carefree self. I didn't know that you lived so close to me until a couple of months ago and you just haven't stopped hearing beeps since then. (BEEP). We have had some good times with the gang at the beach and Bible study. You are really a sweet person. I admire you for all of your "outgoing" qualities and how you always aim to please others. You are truly unique. Have fun next year Being a SENIOR! Wow. Just think of all of the new people you will have to meet Yea!! Hang in there and be good or happy or both!!

PS "You have such nice hands"
wow

Love Always

Paige (Honey) Clayton
Beep
toot etc....

Up sexy,
It's been great
knowing you for a
days. I wish I had
met you in the beginning
of the year or last year.
But what I'm trying to say
is where have you been all my life?
Serious business now, I have reality
enjoyed the times in the library during
first period study hall. I would've talked you to death.
And you know I can. I just we can always find
out. Keep in touch over the years. Stay cool and
remember: I want you to be my COOLIE MONSTER!!"

Love always,
Jenora "Cootie" Wooten

Brent,

It has been a great year
I'm glad it is over. I'll
miss seeing you next year.
Hope your senior year will
be as great as mine was.
Have a great summer and
try to stay out of trouble!
Maybe we will run
into each other and I will
try to come back next year
and see you. Good luck.

Love you,
Lia Baker

Brantly,

It has been fun
this year. I'm glad I
got to know you
better. You are a
fun and crazy guy. I can't
wait until next year. We
all be mighty seniors
and I will love every
minute of it. See you then.
Have a great summer.

Friends,

David Hollar

My dear B.S. (Bible Study) Kirkham,

Brentley, I wouldn't trade the fun times we've had together for anything in the world. You are truly "peachey" and my favorite wild and crazy Latin lover (where did you get your toga and these WONDERFUL sandals!!).

I am delighted that we have gotten the gang together for so many wild outings. The TWIRP Dance and the Junior-Senior were great, and most recently, our trip to the Indiana Jones movie - well, we all know how Carmen felt about that one, don't we? Oh well, c'est la vie! (I know you don't speak French - neither do I, so it might be spelled wrong

Brentley, we just have to get together this summer and do something crazy! I want to have fun, and with you around, I know I'll do just that! Stay sweet and keep smiling - you are always able to brighten my day with your friendliness! I can't wait until we are SENIORS together having more good times.

I look forward to seeing
you a lot this summer.

Please come by and

see me before I
go to Governor's
School. Love

Love,

Carmen

[illegible]

